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Tory leader Kemi Badenoch says Trump 'is dead right' over our Chagos surrender

PM 'OUT OF HIS DEPTH IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER'

BY **MARTYN BROWN**
Political Editor

KEMI Badenoch said Sir Keir Starmer is "out of his depth" on the world stage after Donald Trump humiliated the PM over his surrender of the Chagos Islands.

The Tory leader said the US president was "dead right" to accuse him of "great stupidity" for handing the Indian Ocean site to Mauritius.

Writing in today's Express, she says: "His Labour government are completely out of their depth in the new international order." Mrs

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Ice queen Kate triumphs in curling challenge

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PRINCESS IS ICE QUEEN

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Duke at court yesterday

Harry claims secrets of life with Chelsy were stolen

BY LAURA ELSTON

PRINCE Harry claims he faced a "sustained campaign of attacks" because he "had the temerity to stand up to" the Daily Mail's publisher, the High Court has been told.

The royal, Sir Elton John and husband David Furnish, actresses Liz Hurley and Sadie Frost, former MP Sir Simon Hughes and Baroness Doreen Lawrence are suing Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) over allegations of unlawful information gathering.

ANL, which also publishes The Mail On Sunday, strongly denies wrongdoing and is defending the claims.

Betrayed

Harry, 41, sat behind Ms Hurley in the London courtroom yesterday. The group's barrister David Sherborne said the duke's claim relates to 14 articles from 2001 to 2013, before he met wife Meghan, alleged to bear the hallmarks of unlawful information gathering.

Mr Sherborne said they "focus primarily and in a highly intrusive and damaging way, on the relationships which he formed, or rather tried to form". The Mail on Sunday revealed Harry gave then-girlfriend Chelsy Davy a "set of keys". And an article published in January 2010 had "granular detail" including his "preferences as to where he likes to spend the night".

The duke insists only close friends would have known this and would not have betrayed the couple.

ANL said leaks to the press about his private life were "not uncommon". The nine-week trial continues.



Catherine sends her stone off and celebrates; William tries curling too, inset



Kate shows off curl power

PRINCE William may be the heir to the throne but his wife Catherine showed she is the power behind the stones as the couple tried their hand at curling yesterday for the first time.

After a nervy initial throw in the ice sport, the Princess of Wales scored a bullseye with a later delivery, celebrating her triumph with broad smiles and a fist pump.

The royal couple, known as the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay in Scotland, were visiting Stirling's National Curling Academy where they wished good luck to Team GB and Paralympics GB teams ahead of the Winter Olympic

BY EMILY FERGUSON Royal Editor

Games Milano Cortina 2026 that take place in northern Italy across February and March.

Curling – in which teams of four slide large granite discs over the ice to a target – is one of Britain's most successful winter sports, earning six Olympic medals and two Paralympic medals so far.

Captains, or "skips", Bruce Mouat and Jennifer Dodds gave William and Catherine a brief guide on how to push off from the rubber hack foot-hold in the ice and use a slippery sole to

William poses for a selfie in Stirling



glide forward. After a few trial lunges, Catherine told her husband: "You can go first."

The prince confidently bent down, saying "Here we go, let's see what happens" before laughing and adding: "It's not going very fast."

Catherine tentatively took to the 150ft-long playing surface, holding his arm before briefly losing her balance and sending her first stone just a few yards down the 15ft-wide frozen sheet.

The pair then went head to head – and the princess's delivery stopped on the "button" centre of the "house" target. Delighted, she high-fived Dodds, who was part of the gold medal-winning team at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, and celebrated with a fist pump.

On their way out, William admitted to well-wishers: "It's harder than it looks."

Legal battle to go on over axed local elections

BY CHRISTIAN CALGIE

REFORM UK can press ahead with a major legal challenge objecting to Keir Starmer's plans to cancel some local elections this year.

In the High Court, Mr Justice Chamberlain agreed to an early court date after Reform said it would not seek a temporary block on the plans.

The legal showdown has now been scheduled for February 19 and 20, when Reform will issue formal objections to the fact that millions of Britons are being denied a vote.

Nearly 30 local councils have now accepted the government's offer to postpone this year's elections amid a huge reorganisation.

Announcing the legal challenge last week, Reform leader Nigel Farage said: "The establishment are terrified as they know Reform will win."

Senior Labour minister Darren Jones insisted it would be too "costly" for the votes to go ahead. He said: "If a council is reorganising, you don't want to go through a costly set of elections then have to redo it five minutes later because you've changed the boundaries of the council."

A Reform spokesman said: "Labour are trying to deny democracy."



Gendarmes tackle group on boat

French finally crack down on Channel 'taxis'

BY MICHAEL KNOWLES

FRANCE has intercepted a migrant dinghy in the water for the first time, sparking hopes more boats will be stopped.

Officers stopped a "taxi boat" on the Aa canal in Gravelines, northern France, after data revealed 81% of the craft were successful at crossing the Channel last year.

France vowed to start intercepting migrant smugglers but officers complained the water was too cold and that they lacked training.

And a photo - taken on Saturday - showed suspected people smugglers on a dinghy with a police boat alongside.

Under the terms of engagement, gendarmes will stop taxi boats only before they take on migrants, not when they are fully loaded.

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Badenoch also warned that the Prime Minister has risked UK security by giving the go-ahead to China's mega-embassy in London.

She claimed that Labour "are weak in a world that increasingly cares only about strength", adding: "Keir Starmer's decision is not just an act of stupidity...but also an act of complete self-sabotage."

Mr Trump lost patience with Sir Keir over his resistance to US attempts to seize Greenland, and unleashed a social media onslaught which left the US-UK "special relationship" hanging by a thread.

The PM risked provoking the president further by approving Beijing's new mission building.

The government signed off plans for the site at Royal Mint Court next to the Tower of London despite furious opposition from MPs and amid warnings that the HQ will be used as a "spy hub".

Critics accused Sir Keir, expected to visit China this month, of lacking "backbone" and of "kowtowing" to the communist superpower.

Documents released alongside the decision showed MI5 warned that it is "not realistic to expect to be able wholly to eliminate each and every potential risk". The controversial move was announced shortly after Mr Trump had condemned Sir Keir for "giving away" the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, a country seen as an ally of China.

The US leader said handing over the British Indian Ocean Territory, which includes the key UK-US military base on Diego Garcia, was a sign of "total weakness".

Lease

Ministers insist the deal is needed as international court rulings backing Mauritian claims to the archipelago threaten the base's future.

The UK government has agreed to hand over the islands - but it will also pay out billions of pounds in order to lease back the base.

On his Truth Social site Mr Trump stormed: "Shockingly, our 'brilliant' NATO Ally, the United Kingdom, is currently planning to give away the Island of Diego Garcia, the site of a vital U.S. Military Base, to Mauritius, and to do so FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER. There is no doubt that China and Russia have noticed this act of total weakness."

Last night at the White House, the president insisted he "got along very well" with Sir Keir.

Asked if he thought the Chagos deal should be abandoned, he said: "When they originally were going to do it, they were talking about doing some concept of ownership but now they're looking to essentially just do a lease and sell it. And I'm against that."

"It's a reasonably - nothing like Greenland - but it's a reasonably important part of area of the globe...I think they should keep it."

When questioned on how far he was willing to go with threats to annex the Danish territory, Mr Trump replied: "You'll find out."

Pressed further on if the break-up of Nato is a cost he is willing to pay in order to get Greenland, Mr Trump responded: "We will work something out where Nato is going to be very happy, and where we're going to be very happy."

"But we need [Greenland]...for national security and even world

PM's decision on Chagos 'is not just an act of stupidity but complete self-sabotage'



Royal Mint Court in central London, site of China's proposed gigantic new embassy

security." Greenland's PM Jens-Frederik Nielsen has told islanders to prepare for a military invasion and store five days' worth of food, amid the threats. He added: "It's not likely there will be a military conflict, but it can't be ruled out."

Mrs Badenoch said the Chagos deal will cost UK taxpayers £35 billion in reparations. She added: "It is not in the national interest. It is a good deal for China and Russia."

Reform UK leader Nigel Farage

said Mr Trump had "vetoed the surrender" of the islands, while Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp blamed the PM for "selling out our national security" in his eagerness to "kowtow" to China.

The Labour government signed a treaty last May to return sovereignty of the islands to Mauritius, after long-running talks started under the previous Tory regime.

This followed a 2019 advisory opinion by the International Court

KEMI'S TOUGH

KEMI Badenoch's approval rating has surpassed Nigel Farage's for the first time in more than a year in the wake of Robert Jenrick's defection to Reform UK.

Half of voters think she handled his turncoat move well - including 25% of Reform voters - with 56% of Britons saying Tory politicians are changing parties out of self-interest and not principle.

The More In Common polling found seven out of 10 Conservative

of Justice that the UK should cede control. As well as establishing a £40million fund for expelled Chagossians, the UK has agreed to pay Mauritius at least £120m annually during the 99-year agreement, with the total cost in nominal terms set to reach around £35bn.

Mr Trump highlighted the Chagos Islands handover as a reason for his pursuit of controlling Greenland, which is a semi-autonomous part of the kingdom of Denmark. He

STARMER SURRENDER BLAST

Diego Garcia, site of a strategically vital UK-US military base on the Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean



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Is handing over Chagos Islands an act of 'great stupidity' by Starmer?

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PRESIDENT Trump is wrong about Greenland. The future of Greenland should be decided by the people of Greenland and Denmark.

However, the president is dead right about Keir Starmer's Chagos Islands surrender.

Yesterday Trump wrote that handing over the Islands was an act of "total weakness" and "great stupidity". I couldn't agree more.

In fact, Keir Starmer's decision is not just an act of stupidity - and one that is costing British taxpayers £35billion - but also one of complete self-sabotage.

The Chagos Islands are one of the UK's most strategically important overseas assets. They provide a stronghold in the Indian Ocean and host vital military bases that we and our allies rely upon.

We know that the Labour government's claim to have been forced into surrendering the islands is completely bogus. There was never any realistic risk of an international court compelling the UK to hand them over.

Yes, the Conservatives began the talks. But we walked away when we saw the terms Mauritius was demanding. We would never have compromised our national security in this way.

But Starmer and his team came into office with different priorities.

They want to strut around on the world stage. They want to go to dinner parties and tell their leftie lawyer friends about how they're reversing the ills of colonialism.

It's telling that the annual payments Labour have agreed to hand over to Mauritius even talk about "decolonisation" and "the wrongs of the past".

The fact is that Keir Starmer and his Labour government are completely out of their depth in the new international order.

They are weak in a world that increasingly cares only about strength.

Mauritius and their

COMMENT

KEMI BADENOCH

Conservative Party leader

Chinese allies don't care a jot about Britain being nice. They want control of the islands because it serves their strategic interests.

The night before President Trump's explosive statement, I chatted about the Chagos giveaway with the US Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Johnson, and we agreed on the importance of always acting in the national interest.

Britain's allies, such as America, are rightly asking what we are bringing to the table in a competitive world.

Under Labour, the answer is weakness and confusion.

Just look at their decision yesterday to approve a new Chinese Super Embassy in London.

Our allies have made it very clear they're uncomfortable with the prospect of granting China an enormous spy hub near the City of London. But Starmer seems more interested in cosyng up to Beijing instead.

And what message does it send to both our allies and our enemies that, despite talking tough on defence, Keir Starmer still hasn't told us when he plans to ensure Britain spends 3% of GDP on defence?

The first duty of any government is to keep its people safe. By dithering and delaying on defence spending, and kowtowing to China and its allies,

Starmer and his team are doing the exact opposite.

It's time for him to change course on Chagos. The Conservatives have defeated the government again and again in Parliament on their Chagos surrender and

the battle is not over yet. I will

always put the British national interest first.



Nigel Farage will speak at Davos

Farage plans to lay down law to world's richest power brokers

EXCLUSIVE

BY **CHRISTIAN CALGIE**
Senior Political Correspondent

NIGEL Farage says he will tell the billionaires at Davos that their "globalist agenda" would come to an end under a Reform government.

He is due to speak at the Swiss annual gathering of the world's most wealthy and powerful, where he also hopes to collar Donald Trump over his Greenland threats.

The Reform UK chief will speak after the president, paraded as his close friend, at USA House this afternoon. Mr Farage said his strategy will be "simply to say [Britain] has been the most craven country on Earth to the globalist agenda - that ends now.

Love

"We will talk to you, we will work with you, we will negotiate with you, but we will not follow your agenda on climate change, DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion], or anything else. Gone, done".

His first official Davos trip comes after years of criticising the beano, condemning it as a place of "people deciding our futures in Swiss ski resorts".

Revealing what he plans to say to Mr Trump, Mr Farage said he will be "very praiseworthy of America removing enemies of the West like Maduro, the Iranian regime - love all that".

But he will add: "Please, don't threaten your friends."

Sir Keir Starmer has no plans to attend but Chancellor Rachel Reeves addressed the forum yesterday.

She said: "In a volatile world, Britain stands out. This government is making sure Britain is home to the stability, talent and capital that businesses and investors want and that drive greater growth.

"Some countries give you a platform, but Britain gives you momentum." She will also meet some of the world's richest investors.

STANCE ON SACKING JENRICK EARNS HER A BOOST FROM VOTERS

BY **DAVID WILLIAMSON**
Chief Political Commentator

voters would not vote for their MP if they switched to Reform.

Mrs Badenoch sacked Mr Jenrick last week hours before a press conference where Mr Farage welcomed him to the ranks of Turncoat Robert Jenrick was fired



Reform. She said Mr Farage had done her "spring cleaning" for her.

Among Tory voters, 84% say Mrs Badenoch handled the exit well, with just 2% saying she managed it badly. She will be encouraged her net approval ratings - while still in negative territory - are better than Mr Farage's. She is -11, the

highest since December 2024, while Mr Farage is on -13. Respondents were three times more

likely to say Mr Jenrick's sacking reflected well (34%) than badly (11%) on Mrs Badenoch.

This contrasts with 14% saying the incident reflects well on Mr Jenrick, with 37% claiming it reflects poorly. And fewer than one in four Britons (24%) think Tories are switching to Reform because they believe in the party's policies.

The poll also identifies some of the biggest challenges for the leaders of Labour, Conservative and Reform.

Respondents were presented with 19 words and asked to choose three to describe each leader.

For Keir Starmer, they were "weak" (36%), "out-of-touch" (33%) and "incompetent" (31%).

For Mrs Badenoch, 22% opted for "intelligent", 18% for "out-of-touch" and 17% for "professional". Mr Farage also had a mixed bag, with "dishonest" (27%), "patriotic" (24%) and "divisive" (23%).

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added: "The UK giving away extremely important land is an act of GREAT STUPIDITY, and is another in a very long line of National Security reasons why Greenland has to be acquired."

The US president vowed there was "no going back" on his take-over - but worried European leaders are set to face him for crunch

talks at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss town of Davos today.

The divide between America and Europe rattled financial markets after Mr Trump threatened to impose tariffs on countries which oppose his plans to grab Greenland.

Bank of England boss Andrew Bailey said tensions would impact global financial stability as the

FTSE 100 index fell amid declines in European and US exchanges.

European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen said the EU might hit back in an "unflinching" way if Mr Trump carried out his tariff plan. The Republican leader threatened to hit the UK and other European allies with 10% penalties from February 1 unless they agree

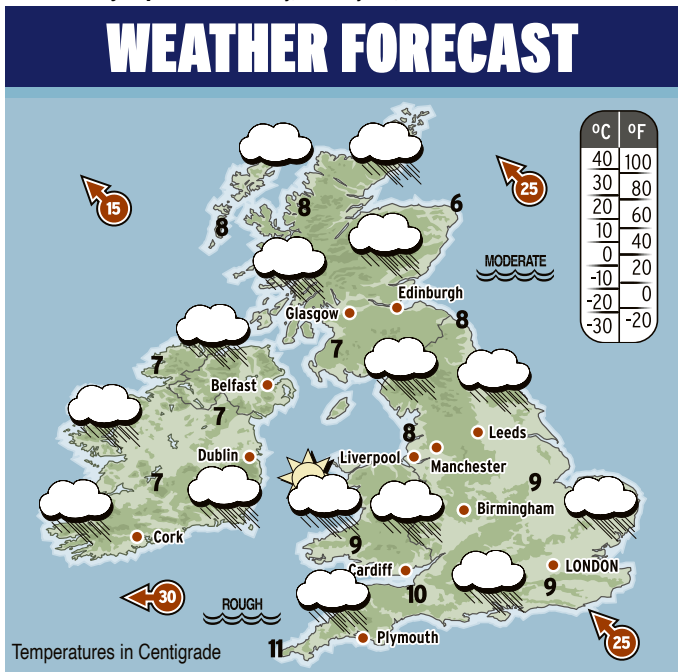
to the US taking over Greenland. He has refused to rule out using force to seize the island, about the size of Western Europe, claiming Russia and China could otherwise threaten the US from the Arctic.

In Davos, Chancellor Rachel Reeves called for cool heads as a transatlantic trade war loomed.

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London	6 9	4 9	3 9	2 6	2 6	1 5
Belfast	5 8	5 7	4 7	2 5	2 4	2 4
Birmingham	5 9	4 8	2 8	1 5	1 4	0 4
Cardiff	5 10	4 8	4 8	2 6	2 5	2 6
Glasgow	4 9	4 8	2 7	0 5	-1 4	0 5
Manchester	6 9	4 8	3 7	1 5	1 4	0 4
Newcastle	5 7	4 7	3 6	1 4	0 4	1 4
Norwich	5 8	4 8	2 7	1 4	2 4	1 4
Plymouth	7 10	6 9	6 9	4 8	5 7	5 8

Britain yesterday

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Aberdeen	0.0	0.07	6 8
Aberporth	0.0	0.33	4 8
Alnwick	0.7	0.00	6 8
Belfast	0.0	0.22	2 8
Birmingham	1.0	0.02	7 10
B'mouth	2.2	0.13	8 10
Bristol	0.3	0.24	6 9
Cardiff	0.0	0.17	3 9
Durham	1.0	0.00	6 8
Edinburgh	0.7	0.03	1 9

Lighting-up times

	Belfast	Birmingham	Bristol
	4.40pm-8.28am	4.33pm-8.03am	4.40pm-8.01am

Europe forecast

	Today	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	Cloudy 8C/46F	Fair 5C/41F
Brussels	Cloudy 10C/50F	Fair 9C/48F
Dublin	Rain 9C/48F	Showers 9C/48F
Frankfurt	Fair 3C/37F	Fair 4C/39F
Geneva	Sunny 8C/46F	Rain 5C/41F
Lisbon	Showers 16C/61F	Rain 14C/57F
Madrid	Showers 8C/46F	Rain 10C/50F
Paris	Cloudy 12C/54F	Drizzle 11C/52F
Rome	Fair 13C/55F	Sunny 14C/57F

Around the world yesterday

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Amsterdam	Sunny 4 39	
Athens	Cloudy 9 48	
Barcelona	Rain 8 46	
Berlin	Sunny 0 32	
Budapest	Fair -6 21	
Cairo	Sunny 17 63	
Cape Town	Sunny 28 82	
Casablanca	Shwrs 12 54	
Corfu	Fair 12 54	
Dublin	Rain 7 45	
Dubrovnik	Sunny 11 52	
Faro	Fair 14 57	
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Moons, sun and tides

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Manchester rises: 8.10am, sets: 4.30pm

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High tide

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Taipei	Cloudy 14 57	
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ISIS inmates unguarded as Kurds leave camps

Chaos near terror bride Begum

EXCLUSIVE BY RICHARD ASHMORE

MORE than 30,000 fanatical prisoners could walk free from the world's biggest ISIS camp after Kurdish guards withdrew last night while under attack from the Syrian government.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Defence Force, previously backed by the West, has been doing security for the massive al-Hol detention camp in north-east Syria since they defeated the Islamic death cult alongside British and American forces in 2019.

SDF guards run a host of other ISIS facilities, including al-Roj camp where Britain's former jihadi bride Shamima Begum is held just 90 miles away.

The SDF said it pulled out "due to international indifference toward the issue of the ISIS terrorist organisation".

It added that guards and soldiers had been "compelled to withdraw from al-Hol Camp and redeploy in the vicinity of cities in northern Syria facing increasing risks and threats".

The SDF released footage they claimed showed the moment Damascus forces entered al-Hol camp. Enormous jubilant crowds could be seen running to greet government forces who arrived on trucks yesterday.

Last August some of the 9,000 women held in a maximum security section of the facility burnt down tents erected by charities for help with education.

And a Russian jihadi convert woman was stoned to death for wear-



Syrian regime fighter, more tanks sent to back attack, Shamima Begum, below

the war against ISIS supporting the Americans and the British.

"We have since kept the West safe by guarding the prisons holding dangerous jihadis, some of whom, like Shamima Begum, came here from the UK to join ISIS.

"We have been on the front line protecting you from the rise of radical Islam."

The Daily Express has seen images showing SDF fighters' bodies being desecrated by government forces. Some of the dead have been beheaded in an echo of ISIS terror.

ing Western clothes. Ishak Milani, co-chair of Kurdish People's Assembly in Britain, told the Daily Express: "Donald Trump and Sir Keir Starmer, the United States and Britain, have abandoned us to this new jihadist regime in Damascus.

"Our sons and daughters fought and died in

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'I am deeply relieved'

Nurse suspended for misgendering sex offender is reinstated

BY GILES SHELDRIK
Chief Reporter

A NURSE suspended for "misgendering" a sex offender was celebrating last night after she was reinstated by the NHS.

Emotional Jennifer Melle, 40, broke down and fell to the floor at the end of a two-hour disciplinary hearing.

She said: "I am deeply relieved and grateful to hear no further action will be taken against me."

"This has been an incredibly long and painful journey and I want to give thanks, first and foremost, to Jesus, who has sustained me every step of the way."

"I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has stood with me, prayed for me and supported me through the darkest moments."

"Your encouragement has meant more than you will ever know."

Fury erupted after the single mum, who had an unblemished 13-year nursing career, was told by hospital bosses that she had breached patient confidentiality for speaking out after being racially abused by a convicted paedophile identifying as a woman.

Sense

She was removed from duty last April following the incident in 2024.

But yesterday Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust told Ms Melle that she could return to her frontline role.

The verdict was heralded as a victory for common sense and greeted with wild celebration from supporters.

They included Bethany Hutchison and Lisa Lockey – two of seven nurses who last week won a legal fight against County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust after they had to share a changing room with a biologically male trans colleague.

Also present was nurse Sandie Peggie, who was suspended by NHS Fife after she complained about having to share facilities with a transgender medic.

Ms Melle's two-year ordeal began when a 6ft sex offender subjected her to a volley of racial abuse after arriving at St Helier Hospital in Carshalton, Surrey, from a men's prison. He was treated for a urinary infection which



required a catheter. Ms Melle referred to Patient X as "Mr" and "he" instead of by his preferred female pronouns while she discussed his treatment.

The nurse said: "I was racially abused in my workplace and instead of protecting me the trust punished me." Ms Melle's plight continued in spite of last year's Supreme Court

judgment that biological sex is irrefutable in law. After this paper highlighted her case, some 20,000 people signed a petition demanding her reinstatement and MPs backed her.

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust said: "We are pleased a member of staff suspended on full pay is being reinstated to

clinical duties. Racial abuse of our staff will never be tolerated and we are sorry that she had this experience."

Maya Forstater, boss of sex-based rights charity Sex Matters, said: "Health Secretary Wes Streeting needs to get a grip on this and stop the transgender obsession that is corrupting the NHS."

Picture: JONATHAN BUCKMASTER



Baby murderer Lucy Letby

Police fury as Crown drops new Letby raps

BY PAUL JEEVES

POLICE have hit out at the decision not to bring further charges against child killer nurse Lucy Letby.

She is serving 15 whole-life terms for the murder of seven babies and attempting to kill seven more.

Cheshire Constabulary passed evidence to prosecutors last year, linked to eight potential additional offences of attempted murder and one offence of murder at the Countess of Chester Hospital.

Another two allegations of attempted murder and murder were linked to one child at Liverpool Women's Hospital.

Celebrating

But Frank Ferguson, head of the Crown Prosecution Service's special crime and counter terrorism division, said: "We concluded the evidential test was not met in any of those cases."

In a rare step, Cheshire Constabulary spoke out against the decision, which it said was "not the outcome that we had anticipated throughout our investigation".

The force said: "We believed the evidence submitted met the Crown Prosecution Service charging standard."

"The CPS did not agree and despite our representations we must respect the decision."

"There will be some who will feel that this is news worth celebrating."

Conservative MP David Davis welcomed the CPS decision.

He said: "It has long been my view that any retrial in Lucy Letby's case should happen as quickly as possible."

Baroness Davies makes a splash in the Lords

OLYMPIAN and women's rights campaigner Sharron Davies made her debut in the House of Lords yesterday.

The swimmer, now a vocal critic of transgender athletes competing in women's sport, was nominated for a life peerage by Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch.

Baroness Davies of Devonport takes her title from an area of Plymouth where she was born and grew up.

The 63-year-old mum of two was ennobled in recognition of her sporting achievements and relentless campaigning on women's rights.

But it has come at a cost to her career and earnings.

Lady Davies told Saga magazine she

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now has to use an electric blanket to keep warm as she cannot afford to heat her Georgian home.

She said: "When I started to speak up on trans issues I was vilified on social media and lost a lot of media work. Life has sometimes been hard over the last seven years but I'd do the same again. I had to speak out."

"I would have been disappointed in myself if I hadn't."

"I felt vindicated last year when the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a woman is defined by biological sex, which was the culmination of a long-running legal battle and a victory for common sense. I'm not

anti-trans. I'm pro-female. I was cancelled and lost contracts because I dared to say something. Even though I won six Commonwealth medals for my country, people didn't want to take a risk employing me."

The Tory peer, who represented Britain aged 13 at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, wore the traditional scarlet robes for the short introduction ceremony in the Lords, where she swore allegiance to the King.

She said of Mrs Badenoch: "I first got to know her when she was Equalities Minister and what struck me was how hard she was working behind the scenes. She always had time to listen to me."



Women's champion Sharron is sworn in



The Beckhams with Nicola Peltz, right, were stunned by Brooklyn's hard-hitting tirade

I have known all the gory details but this shocked everyone...

AS SOMEONE who has worked on the Beckham family feud story for the past 12 months, I've had a ringside seat as the drama unfolded.

I've been privy to all the gory details as friends on both sides have fought to get their message out.

Time and again I'm asked whether I'm Team Brooklyn or Team Beckham – but the truth is I've tried desperately to be neither.

There is no doubt that friends of the Beckhams consider Brooklyn's wife Nicola Peltz to be an almost malign influence on their son.

I reported on their fears that the US actress and billionaire's daughter was isolating him not only from his family but his friends as well.

To say the narrative – which took hold after David's 50th birthday party last May – inflamed Brooklyn is an understatement.

He believed then, as he does now, that his parents authorised their pals to “throw Nicola under the bus”.

Manipulated

But I maintain the Beckhams' fears come from a good place. They were, and still are, concerned that their eldest son is being manipulated.

However it is not the first time Brooklyn – who wed Nicola in 2022 – has fought back. To counter the flurry of allegations about his wife last summer, his pals were determined to set the record straight.

One made the claim to me that Nicola, 31, had helped Brooklyn, 26, “see the emotional abuse and toxic behaviour within his family”.

Predictably, this claim drew an angry response from the Beckhams' friends, who described the allegations as “deeply unpleasant and patently untrue”. But it marked the first time Nicola and Brooklyn had decided to fight back on their own terms.

Some might say it's a bit rich for Brooklyn to now bemoan his parents for trying to “control the narrative” after allowing his friends to brief on his behalf. But a friend tells me: “Nicola and Brooklyn did not start

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this... They have always tried to be on good terms with the family.”

It comes as footage emerged yesterday of Nicola looking awkward alongside the Beckhams at the London premiere of David's Netflix documentary in October 2023. Her unsmiling expression appeared fixed as the whole family posed for photos.

There is no doubt Monday's left hook from the couple inflamed the Beckhams, as well as taking them by surprise. And I was told repeatedly that the prospect of Brooklyn going public about the rift was not in the Peltz PR playbook. A source told me: “This salvo was definitely a taste of what was to come.”

“Anyone who thought Brooklyn wasn't capable of going nuclear had not been paying much attention. But that moment was the point of no return in many people's eyes.”

Yet still the negative stories about Nicola continued, even this month. After I revealed how Brooklyn was still in contact with his grandparents as there was “a lot of love for them”, an anonymous source briefed a newspaper about how his “protestations have left some bemused to say the least”.

My source told me: “It was another example of Brooklyn and Nicola being attacked over nothing. How can anyone deny the fact Brooklyn loves his grandparents?”

It was against this “poisonous” backdrop that Brooklyn pressed the nuclear button. Up until that bombshell statement he had kept silent – but as he pored over the latest article accusing Nicola of driving the feud despite him supposedly wanting to make peace with his family, something gave.

What followed took everyone by surprise. A pal told me: “Make no mistake those were very much Brooklyn's words. It's fair to say Brooklyn didn't pull any punches.”

It was quite the showbiz take-down. But whether it puts an end to the negativity remains to be seen.

Brooklyn snapped and told his wife ‘This ends now’ before outburst over parents



Sir David in podcast booth at the World Economic Forum in Davos yesterday

AFTER another barrage of stories attacking his wife amid the bitter feud with his family, Brooklyn Beckham told Nicola Peltz: “This ends now.”

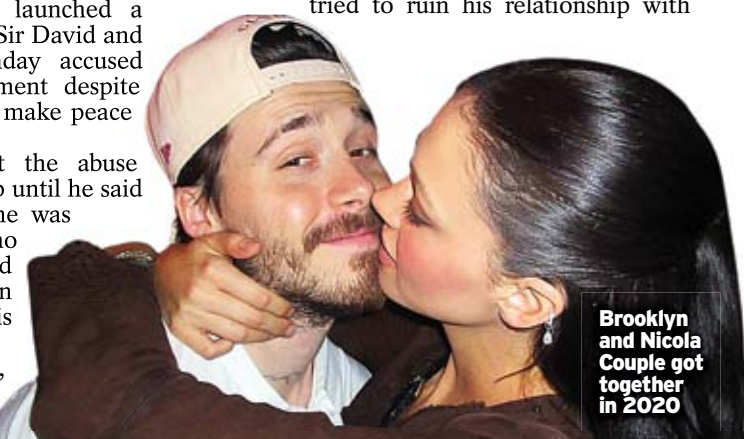
On Monday the 26-year-old launched a bombshell tirade against parents Sir David and Victoria after a story on Sunday accused Nicola of driving the estrangement despite Brooklyn supposedly wanting to make peace with his family.

A source said: “He thought the abuse towards his wife would never stop until he said something in his own words... he was sick of the lies. And there was no changing his mind and nor did anyone want to. He was fixated on ending the bulls**t he claims his mum and dad are behind.”

Less than 24 hours later, Brooklyn released a six-page

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statement that stunned the Beckhams. He alleged his parents had controlled him all of his life and tried to ruin his relationship with



Brooklyn and Nicola Couple got together in 2020

EXPLODES FAMILY FEUD



Happy at New York City fashion show in 2022, 5 months after wedding



Brooklyn and Victoria Beckham together in 2019

Victoria to send 'desist' letter to silence her son

EXCLUSIVE

BY **SASHA MORRIS** and **CARLY DUFFY**

VICTORIA Beckham is planning to send her estranged son Brooklyn a "cease and desist" letter after his bombshell social media statement, it was revealed last night.

In a lengthy Instagram post, Brooklyn targeted his mother, accusing her of "humiliating" him at his 2022 wedding to Nicola Peltz by "dancing inappropriately".

He also alleged that she cancelled making Nicola's wedding dress at the last minute.

Brooklyn, 26, accused his parents of "controlling" behaviour and trying to "ruin his relationship" with his wife.

Victoria is yet to speak publicly about the accusations but it was revealed that she is planning to send her son and his wife a cease and desist letter to prevent further embarrassing public allegations.

While Nicola herself has not spoken publicly about the feud in recent weeks, Victoria is said to be keen to nip any more public statements in the bud.

Devastated

An insider has said that this letter is a "caution" to the Peltz-Beckhams and that David and Victoria will not hold back in taking action if he continues to speak out against them.

They added that David and Victoria, who also have children Romeo, Cruz and Harper, are determined to "protect their brand and the business" and have been left devastated by Brooklyn's claims.

David and Victoria are also said to be planning to release their own statement which will be directed straight to Brooklyn in a bid to reconcile. The source said the couple want to make it clear to their son that "they love him, and have never pretended to be perfect parents".

The move comes just one week after Brooklyn reportedly sent his parents his own cease and desist letter, instructing them to only contact him through lawyers.

David and Victoria's close friends Gordon and Tana Ramsay are also supporting them, having gone through their own family feud.

Their daughter Holly, who married Olympian swimmer Adam Peaty in December, reportedly uninvited Adam's side of the family from their ceremony, sparking a public war of words.

A representative for Victoria Beckham was contacted for comment.

'I do not want to reconcile with my family. I'm not being controlled. I'm standing up for myself'

made mistakes on social media. Talking about how he used his online platforms to highlight his work with the charity Unicef, Sir David said he had "tried to do the same with my children, to educate them".

He added: "They make mistakes, but children are allowed to make mistakes. That is how they learn. That is what I try

to teach my kids. You sometimes have to let them make those mistakes as well."

The Prime Minister's official spokesman also waded into the public row yesterday.

The No10 spokesman said Brooklyn's decision to go public with his gripes against his mother and father were a private matter for the family.

But he added: "The Prime Minister has always been clear that diplomacy is very important."

Stavros Agapiou, partner of DJ Fat Tony who was asked to perform at the US wedding reception in 2022, backed Brooklyn's claims about his mother's inappropriate dance in a now-deleted post.

On Instagram, he wrote: "I was there and she did, he's telling the truth."

Nicola. Brooklyn even claimed they ruined his wedding and his mother had humiliated him by dancing inappropriately during the couple's first dance.

He said he was speaking up to counter the lies he claimed his parents were behind to "preserve their own facade", adding they allegedly put Brand Beckham above him and actress Nicola.

Brooklyn said: "I do not want to reconcile with my family. I'm not being controlled, I'm standing up for myself for the first time in my life."

Yesterday, Sir David broke cover after flying to Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Forum.

He spoke on a podcast, and on CNBC's financial show Squawk Box the former England football captain did not refer to the row but admitted his children had

Having read something



Carole Malone
Express columnist

I ALWAYS had Brooklyn Beckham down as a thick, spoiled, entitled nepo baby – the kind of young man who, thank God, was born into huge wealth and privilege, because it was clear he wasn't equipped to make his own way in the world.

I thought all that – until this week. But having read his explosive Insta post I started to feel something weird about Brooklyn Beckham. I felt pity.

Oh yes, I know his family is rich beyond most people's wildest dreams and he's married to a billionaire heiress, Nicola Peltz, so on the outside his life looks golden and blessed. But having read that post we've all been given an insight into the Beckhams' "perfect" family, and it doesn't look quite so perfect.

"For my entire life, my parents have controlled narratives in the press about our family," said Brooklyn. "The performative social media posts, family events and inauthentic relationships have been a fixture of the life I was born into. My family values public promotion and endorsements above all else."

And, as he says it, it all starts to become clear. Because he's right, isn't he? We kind of always knew it. For years we've all talked about Brand Beckham, knowing that it spawned untold millions. We've even had a pop at Victoria, believing she was the one controlling everything and that SHE was the one obsessed with fame and money because we didn't think David was bright enough or forceful enough to drive the Brand.

But I'm not sure any of us gave much thought to the toll the Beckham Brand, in its quest to make multi-millions, might have taken on the children growing up in its gaudy spotlight.

For years Victoria and David have been mad keen to promote themselves as the perfect family. They told us time and again that family was all that mattered and everything else was superfluous – the fame, the money, the perks.

Family was at the heart of everything. And we all believed it.

But now Brooklyn's telling a very different story.

"Brand Beckham comes first," he says "Family 'love' is decided by how much you post on social media."

OMG, this is everything we might have secretly thought but never believed could be true. And now

Brooklyn is saying it is! He tells how mum Victoria "hijacked" his first dance with his bride Nicola on their wedding day and how she danced "inappropriately" in front of him. "I've never felt so humiliated in my life," he says.

He claims Posh "cancelled" plans to make Nicola's wedding dress at the "eleventh hour" and she had to go scrabbling looking for another designer, causing her huge stress. But the story that hit the press was that Nicola had chosen to wear a dress by another designer thus upsetting Posh.

But the truly revealing tale is the one where he says wanted his nan Sandra (David's mum) and Nicola's granny at the top table because they didn't have husbands. He says Posh called him "evil" for that.

Can this be true? Because if it is, it rips apart the carefully crafted image Posh and Becks have worked for years to cultivate. It shows a mother who didn't put family first, a mother who wanted the flash, rich people at the top table – not the two much-loved grannies of the bride and groom.

Brooklyn also claims his parents tried to bribe him into signing away the rights to his name.

I want to say this is all coming from a spoiled, rich kid who's lashing out at his parents but especially his mum. I want to believe none of it's true – but there's a part of me that thinks much of it is.

Anyone who's ever met, come across or worked with Victoria would know she isn't easy. Things have to be done her way – or else. She IS controlling and, yes, she's manipulative. Was she threatened by the fact Nicola's family – her dad Nelson Peltz is worth £1.51billion, which dwarfs the Beckhams' wealth – is richer, more powerful and has more clout than the Beckhams?

One writer says the Beckhams are wonderful loving parents and that in the past, when Brooklyn got into trouble, their machine went into action and they instructed expensive lawyers to protect him. But in the light of these revelations the question has to be asked – was it to protect Brooklyn or Brand Beckham?

I'm now starting to wonder if all those crazy careers Brooklyn took up – the photography, the cheffing (telling us how to make a fish-and-chip sandwich) were his idea or his mum's. Was she publicly pushing him to be another money-making arm to the



Beckham family, with Nicola, right, gathers for a Christmas celebration in 2024



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FAMILY RIFT DRAMA

his explosive Insta post I felt weird about Brooklyn.. pity



Brooklyn Beckham, pictured with parents David and Victoria, sister Harper and wife Nicola, also inset left



Beckham brand, or did he really want to do all that stuff and make a total fool of himself?

It'll be interesting to see if David and Victoria respond to their son's outburst. I'm guessing it'll all be

subtly blamed on Nicola's malign influence on their son because that seems to have been their message so far.

One writer says Brooklyn's post was designed to upset his parents. And I'm sure it did. But maybe it was also a message for them to get off his back, let him live his life.

"I do not want to reconcile with my parents," he said. "I'm not being controlled and I'm standing up for myself for the first time in

'He sounds like a young man who's just had enough'

my life" (with the help of the Peltz millions obviously).

He's seen all the unsubtle messages on social media about how Posh and Becks are desperate to get their son back, how upset they are. He's seen the Insta photos where a big deal is made of the fact

he isn't in them. He's seen the stories saying it won't be long before they're all reconciled. And he probably believes they were all put out there by his parents, cementing his belief that they're still trying to control him – and the narrative.

So, his post this week is a response to that. Who knows what the truth is? Of course Posh and Becks love their son and want him back in the family fold, but Brooklyn is making it clear he doesn't like the way they're doing it.

Is Brooklyn just an angry young man? I don't think so. He sounds

like a young man who's just had enough, who wants to get on with his life, his new marriage and who wants to make his own decisions without his parents' interference.

One writer called his post a "deluge of hate". It didn't feel like that. It felt like someone determined to tell the real truth as opposed to a truth manufactured and doctored for the media.

Who knows, it may all fail spectacularly for Brooklyn.

But one thing's for sure – this story isn't over yet...

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A giant outpost of China in heart of our capital

PRESIDENT Trump nailed it when he said Britain has shown “great stupidity” in agreeing to hand sovereignty of the Chagos Islands, home to a vital UK-US military base, to Mauritius “for no reason whatsoever”.

Historians will be baffled as to why Sir Keir Starmer agreed to a deal which will cost us billions of pounds, right at the moment when China is intent on growing its influence in the Indo-Pacific.

Decision-makers have shown even greater idiocy by giving the green light to construct a mega-embassy for China on the former Royal Mint site opposite the Tower of London.

This is much more than an office block with reception rooms. It is a giant outpost of China in the heart of our capital.

China’s oppression of minorities, pro-democracy activists and people of faith is beyond dispute.

Those who have found refuge on our shores will shiver at the thought of China gaining a spy fortress in this land.

Yes, we need to trade with China and diplomacy is vital to the preservation of peace. But we have succeeded in looking craven, cowardly and, yes, stupid.

Kemi enjoys benefits of decisive party action

KEMI Badenoch demonstrated her decisiveness when she sacked Robert Jenrick last week ahead of his defection to Reform UK, and now she has enjoyed a bounce in the polls.

It turns out Britons warm to a strong and decisive leader.

One of the key reasons why so many people today are fans of Reform chief Nigel Farage is his authenticity.

In an age of slick spin, his pint-in-hand straight-talking approach to politics has helped push Reform to first place in the opinion polls.

The latest More In Common polling shows Mrs Badenoch’s net approval rating has surpassed Mr Farage’s for the first time in more than a year.

The two are locked in competition for the loyalty of voters, and if that means the concerns of ordinary Britons are pushed to the top of the agenda, so much the better.

No winners in upsetting Beckham family turmoil

FAMILY life is the source of some of the greatest joy and deepest anguish a person can experience. Few families are as famous as the Beckhams and eldest son Brooklyn has opened his heart on social media.

As our columnist Carole Malone writes so eloquently today, no one can be sure of the ins and outs of the Beckham turmoil but one thing is for certain – there are no winners here.

Perhaps, like our writer, Britons will look at Brooklyn with a feeling of pity.

We hope this young man and his wife find happiness and that relationships with his parents heal.

Far less famous families have faced greater challenges. Let love win the day.

Chagos ‘stupidity’ exposes how UK has become powerless

HAVING initially condoned it, President Trump has now woken up to the fact that Sir Keir Starmer’s plan to hand over sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius is an “act of great stupidity”. Clearly piqued at Starmer’s opposition to his own Greenland claim, Trump is now not willing to indulge the bad-value deal.

Included in the surrender is the joint UK-US military base on Diego Garcia, crucial for any Indian Ocean operations, and, as Trump suggests, the UK is doing this “for no reason whatsoever”. In fact, the reality is worse in that we will be paying some £30billion in total to give away islands that belong to us. Worst still, to a country 1,250 miles away with scant historical interest in the islands – and an ally of China to boot.

It’s bad enough misleading the public about the true cost of the deal – originally put at “just” £3billion – but there is also something distinctly shady about the whole mess. The Labour government claims that it has no choice after “court decisions undermined our position”. But these decisions were made in the International Court of Justice which has no validity in UK law at all.

WE COULD simply ignore it and save a huge sum of money. But Starmer’s long-time legal pal, Attorney General Richard Hermer, advised that the damaging deal would demonstrate “our commitment to international law”. This flies in the face of the Chagossian people themselves, who have no wish to become part of Mauritius – but that is conveniently ignored by lefty lawyers wanting to burnish their liberal values.

Trump has cited this as another reason for his desire to take over Greenland. It appears now that Trump originally endorsed the deal last year



Chagossians opposed to the handover to Mauritius demonstrate by Downing Street



Tim Newark
Political Commentator

purely as a good will favour to Starmer, reasoning that, if the British were daft enough to pay for the lease back of these bases, it was their lookout. But with Starmer opposing his own Greenland land grab, all bets are off and Trump sees no reason to sugar-coat his relations with the UK.

He may have a personal high regard for the British nation, but he sees the UK as a weak country that is getting weaker. He has already pleaded with Starmer to address our debilitating energy costs by going back to drilling the North Sea and urged us to copy his successful sealing of borders against illegal migrants.

But Starmer, like other European leaders, is intent on taking us down an ideological path that fatally weakens our economies.

Trump’s aggression towards

Greenland comes from his analysis that the rest of Nato is economically and militarily weak. It depends hugely on US armed might for its defence and is recklessly pursuing policies like net zero, further impoverishing themselves. The US is so powerful that it does not need declining European allies, pouring scorn on the tiny force sent to Greenland this week.

With that in mind, Nato and the EU should quit the pretence of thinking they can oppose the US and accept the grim reality that Trump is quite correct to argue that the US is the only power that can defend Greenland. It is a reality check of the worse kind but better to accept this than expose even further our weak economies.

It has been estimated that Trump’s punitive tariffs on Britain could cost us £22billion and tip us into recession. That is

how fragile the UK is thanks to Labour and Tory mismanagement. Trump knows that and is ruthlessly exploiting his power to get results he believes will strengthen the West in the long term.

We are now in an age of realism where great powers, like the US and China, can and will do exactly what they want.

Exactly 70 years ago, Britain tried to exert itself as the great Imperial power it thought it was by attempting to depose Egyptian President Nasser and regain control of the Suez Canal. The US declined to support us then – forcing our humiliating withdrawal.

NOW once again we are at a pivotal moment where our international shortcomings are being made brutally clear. This time it is a powerlessness we have inflicted on ourselves.

The only lesson Britain and Europe can take from this humiliating affair is that we need to rebuild our economic and military strength.

Maybe, in a strange way, this is exactly what Trump is trying to get us to do.

‘Trump sees Britain as a weak country that is getting weaker’

Vanessa Feltz

FROM THE HEART

Not a thorny issue to look your age

HOW did you react to the recent picture of *The Thorn Birds* star Rachel Ward? I am ashamed to say my initial reaction was shock. Then I immediately gave myself a good talking-to.

Why on earth was I aghast to see a woman of 68 looking 68? I may spend hours and a fortune on staying an (un)natural blonde and pepper my forehead with Botox injections twice a year, but that's because my grandmas remained bright brunette until their dying days and my mum wouldn't leave the house without a full face of make-up.

I was brought up to fight the ravages of time, but I don't believe all women should do the same. Poor Rachel's faced a tsunami of criticism because her beauty in *The Thorn Birds* left such a huge impression and we haven't seen much of her since 1983. Somehow, we imagined she'd be set in aspic and look identical. At the very least she'd have invested in fillers and kept her hair as raven as we remember it.

I didn't utter an unkind syllable but, still, I'm ashamed of my private thoughts.



Still got ex-factor after 40-year split

ON A FREEZING evening, I spotted a distinguished couple dining a few tables away at London's Wolseley restaurant. Sir Trevor Nunn and Dame Janet Suzman enjoying a lengthy meal.

The former artistic director of the RSC and the award-winning actress, star of *Nicholas And Alexandra*, made each other laugh so hard the surrounding patrons - me included - couldn't help feeling a tad jealous.

Why am I telling you? Sir T, 86, and Dame J, 86, married in 1969... and divorced in 1986.

They've been exes for 40 years yet appeared to be luxuriating in prolonged voluntary proximity.

Most exes, mine included, are best expunged from our lives.

They engender nothing but resentment and hostility. What have Nunn and Suzman managed that the rest of us haven't?

They think it's fall over... well it is now!

HOW the mighty have fallen - literally. Piers Morgan has taken a tumble and the poor chap's 60-year-old bones shattered with all the fragility of a priceless Ming vase. Three years Piers' senior - though of course I don't look it - I can testify old age kicks in when you make the painful transition from falling over to "having a fall".

The fact his fall wasn't a spinning hurtle from the dizzy heights of perilous Machu Picchu, but a slight wobble down an insignificant step in a London hotel restaurant makes the pugnacious pundit's injuries even more painful. Going arse over tit in the throes of a heroic escapade is one thing, toppling over en route to prawn cocktail is quite another.

Piers ruefully admits he hit the ground "like a sack of spuds" and managed to fracture his femur so thoroughly surgeons had no choice but to give him a total hip replacement. We, his fellow antiquities, grasp the implications all too vividly. Once you stop bouncing and start crumbling, nothing - not even a carpeted five-star lobby - is safe territory.

Till the eve of your 59th birthday, you vault over stiles, shin-up ladders and run down escalators. You gambol like a spring lamb. You have nothing to fear. You wake up, blow out 60 candles and realise you've changed. Danger lurks in poorly lit car parks, leaf-drifts, unswept stairs and the tiles of your own bathroom floor.

Pals are collapsing like ninepins. One caught her foot in her dog's lead and broke her leg. Another tripped on the pavement and snapped her humerus - (nothing remotely humorous about being stuck in a plaster cast for weeks.)

We start to loathe Irving Berlin and his dream of a white Christmas. Why would anyone wish for a cascade of slippery stuff that turns pushing out the wheelie bin into an audition for A&E?

We place immense faith in our snow boots. Surely, we pray, as we struggle with the laces, these unflattering plodders will preserve us from plummeting Tarmac-wards? As many of us found to our cost when last week's ice took hold, we might as well have worn stilettos. Adhering rigidly to NHS advice to waddle like penguins, we gingerly set forth only to slide in ungainly fashion, like decrepit Torvills and Deans, clutching at hedges and lampposts.

Dearest Piers, we, your brittle of bone cohort send bucketloads of empathy. As your former colleague and, I hope, chum, tell me where to bring the chicken soup and I'll be right there - as long as the gritters have beaten me to it.



Cool Kate's 50 shades of great

KATE MOSS blows out 52 candles on her birthday cake and suddenly 52 feels super cool. Kate exudes the same inimitable mixture of mystery, edginess and aspirational insouciance as ever.

The women - and some chaps - who have dressed like her, caroused like her and sought devotedly to clone themselves into the closest possible approximations of her, will exhale with relief that being fifty-something is unequivocally chic.

Unfortunately, this has come a good 10 years too late for me. Weeks before my 50th birthday I bemoaned my fate to a more mature lady.

"Fifty? Good Lord. You're a spring chicken. I lived my best life in my 50s," she said bracingly.

I didn't believe a word of it, but as Kate proves resoundingly, approached with positivity, attitude and an appetite for adventure, 50 is nifty.

THE classical definition of tragedy is "the fall of a man from great estate". Royal commentators are keen to enlist our sympathy for Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. The disgraced royal is reluctantly moving to Marsh Farm in Sandringham.

Alas, the property, currently being refurbished, has "only" five bedrooms, no

room for live-in retainers and insufficient garaging for the princely car collection.

Some feel King Charles is treating his brother harshly. No one wants Andrew to be driven to depression, but instead of bewailing his exile to a remote village, far from exotic holiday exit point, Heathrow, shouldn't he start atoning, find something

worthwhile to get stuck into, and give something back to the nation? Ask the adults still living with their parents if they'd wince at a charming five-bedroom freshly decorated farmhouse.

Having said that, the latest news his daughter, Princess Eugenie, is giving him the cold shoulder does evoke a shudder of sympathy.

DEATH OF A PET IS LOSING A LOVE THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

LOSING a pet is agony. It reverberates through every moment of our lives.

Dogs are our best friends but, as David Baddiel, presenter of rare, cat-centric series, *Cat Man*, will testify, moggies can

be constant companions too. Callers to my 5 show were close to tears recalling their late lamented pets.

A dear friend showed me pictures of George, a handsome black-and-white cat

whose death left a chasm in his family's life. Buying a successor was suggested but only by those who don't grasp the loyalty to George's memory and the impossibility of replacing what is on a par with love for a dear relative.



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Frances Millar



To be frank...

THINGYMAJIGS, whatchamacallits, doodahs... the days of fumbling for the right word could become a thingymabob of the past. Smart glasses are now so advanced with AI technology they can tell you exactly what you're looking at in real time.

They can even identify people. No need to go through a roll call of every family member dead or alive before you hit on the right one. The culprit will pop up on your bins as you bark at them for clogging up the plughole.

They can even tell you when your houseplants need watering, warn how many calories are in the Greggs sausage roll you're about to wolf down or how morbidly low your step count is. Anything at all. As if we didn't have enough screens, now the entirety of the internet can be delivered directly into your eyeballs.

The data collection from our ever-eavesdropping phones and laptops is scary enough. Imagine everything you happen to glance upon being harvested, shared and, naturally in time, monetised. Glance around your gaff and seconds later get ads for cleaners "in your area". Or look in the mirror and hear a syrupy voice whisper: "Melt that frown away with Botox. You know, there's a clinic 10 minutes from here with a free slot this afternoon. Blink twice and I'll book it for you."

Sounds like hell on earth, but smart glasses may prove to have some uses, aside from cheating at pub quizzes.

Fitted with cameras, voice recognition, a microphone and a live display, some tech firms are marketing them as a way to help people with dementia live more independently.

Prompting the names of doctors and carers, giving directions to the nearest supermarket, even talking through how to make a cup of tea. Sounds promising for those in the very early stages, but having had a parent with dementia I detect a few fundamental flaws.

Thinking back to my dear old dad who couldn't work a lamp, I can picture him confused and punching the air: "Who the feck was that? What are these lights? Get these fecking things off me." And what happens when they are inevitably

MATT Damon has said films are being dumbed down so audiences can still follow them while scrolling on their phones. The actor and writer pointed the finger at streaming services such as Netflix, blaming them for rotting our attention spans and reshaping the way that movies are written and made.

"The standard way to make an action movie that we learned was, you usually have three set-pieces," he explained in an interview for his new film *The Rip out now* on (checks notes) Netflix.

"One in the first act, one in the second, one in the third. You spend most of your money on that one in the third act. That's your finale. And now they're like, 'Can we get a big one in the first five minutes? We want people to stay. And it wouldn't be terrible if you reiterated the plot three or four times in the dialogue because people are on their phones while they're watching'."

Admittedly, I'm often on my phone while watching telly but, in my defence, I've never understood what's going on in action films

anyway. I'm the annoying person whispering:

"Why are they smashing that man's head in a chest-freezer door?"

"Where did they get the helicopter?"

"Why does nobody ever need the toilet?"

misplaced or crushed down the side of a chair? Dad would go through around 17 pairs of reading glasses a month. At £700 a pop, they'd need to be magic, not just smart.

★ **FORMER PM Liz Truss** has cast aspersions on Robert Jenrick's defection to Reform, suggesting there may be a sinister conspiracy. Popping on her tin foil hat before posting on social media, she wrote: "Robert Jenrick may have joined Reform but who is he getting his orders from? Trojan horse." So, Jenrick is an undercover operative is he? As if the Conservatives have the wherewithal to plant one of their biggest names as a double agent behind enemy lines in a Westminster version of *Tinker, Tailor, Polling Spy*.

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TENNIS COURT BECOMES CATWALK

Tennis whites took on a fresh meaning as Naomi Osaka wore this outfit inspired by a jellyfish to walk on to court at the Australian Open, and a fancy fringed warm-up jacket, below

Osaka serves up a fashion statement...

BY FRANCES MILLAR

NAOMI Osaka reeled in fans with this ace, jellyfish-inspired outfit as she began her bid to win tennis' Australian Open for a third time.

Japan's former world No 1 transformed Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena into a fashion catwalk ahead of her first round match against Croatia's Antonia Ruzic, 23.

The four-time Grand Slam winner was cheered as she walked on to court in the long turquoise tunic with fluid, pleated wide-leg white trousers, her face shaded by a broad-brimmed white hat topped with a butterfly.

She completed the smashing look with a white parasol and trailing veil, leaving her kitbag court side to maximise her entrance.

The fashion statement served Naomi, 28, well as she finally won the tie 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Naomi explained she had the idea for the eye-catching outfit while reading a children's story to her two-year-old daughter Shai.

Sheer

She told Vogue: "There was an image of a jellyfish, and when I showed it to her she got so excited", adding that the design "translated beautifully into the movement and fluidity" of the sheer layers.

Naomi went on: "When I look back at the players who came before me I think about how those moments, those looks have become memories that live forever. So much of the time, other people get to write our stories for us. This felt like a moment where I could write a little bit of my own."

The outfit, created with London-based designer Robert Wun in collaboration with Nike, was declared a winner by top tennis commentators.

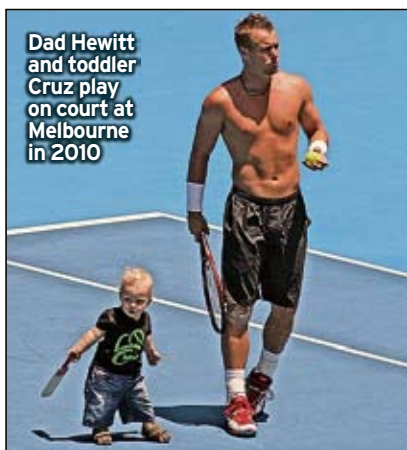
Tim Henman's verdict was, "Wow, this is quality" while Laura Robson called it "the ultimate walk-on," likening Naomi's look to Beyonce's bold stage outfits. Wun has designed for the pop superstar Ariana Grande and rapper Cardi B.

Naomi wins a point on the way to victory



Dads were rivals...but kids are having a ball

Dad Hewitt and toddler Cruz play on court at Melbourne in 2010



WHAT a set of kids – the offspring of tennis legends Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt happily watch a game together at the Australian Open.

A talented player himself, Cruz, 17, is the son of Aussie former world No1 Hewitt, 44, and ex Home and Away actress Bec. Twins Myla and Charlene, 16, are the daughters of Swiss ace

BY ANDY LINES

Federer, also 44, and his wife, fellow player Mirka.

The dads faced off at the Australian Open in 2004 and 2010, and Hewitt has spoken of on-court rivalry.

But off court their kids seemed to be getting on fine, chatting as Jannik Sinner played France's Hugo Gaston in the men's singles first round in Melbourne. Cruz, who has

followed in dad's footsteps, was last week knocked out in a qualifying match.

Meanwhile, Hewitt has credited his wife for his success, saying: "You've been the rock the whole time supporting me, and I certainly wouldn't have been able to continue my career and be able to play 20 Australian Opens without you. I'm eternally grateful."



Cruz with Roger Federer's twins Myla and Charlene

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Jeffrey Archer: At age 85, I've written my final novel

MASTER storyteller Jeffrey Archer has revealed that he has written his final novel at the age of 85 after selling some 300 million copies of his books.

Exactly half a century since his debut, *Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less*, launched him as a writer, Adam and Eve will be his 32nd and last novel.

The 85-year-old life peer and former Conservative MP admitted he couldn't imagine putting down his pen for good after finishing his last book.

His new standalone, due to be published in the autumn, "weaves together love and betrayal" against the backdrop of the "stark realities of a world at war".

Lord Archer said: "When I came across the idea for this novel a few years ago, I knew it was bigger in scope than anything I'd done before and I accepted that the research alone would be more demanding than anything I'd tackled in the past.

"When I finally sat down to write Adam and Eve I also

EXCLUSIVE

BY MATT NIXSON

realised, by the end of the first draft, that this was going to be my final novel, as at the age of 85 I could never hope to equal it again.

"As I celebrate my fiftieth year as a storyteller, and look to the future, I can't quite imagine putting my pen down for good.

"I also love the short story form so maybe I will return to that at some point in the future.

Momentous

"But I can think of a no more fitting way to bring my novel-writing career to a close. My hope is that my readers will enjoy Adam and Eve as much as I have enjoyed writing it."

Famously inspired to write his first book, *Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less*, by the threat of bankruptcy, the book sold nearly 30 million copies around the world. It was followed by the likes of *Kane and Abel* in 1979, which

has been read by more than a hundred million people, in 119 countries and 47 languages.

Lord Archer is the only author to have a number one bestseller in fiction, short stories and non-fiction (*The Prison Diaries*).

Kate Elton, CEO of his publisher HarperCollins, said: "It's a truly momentous moment for one of the world's most loved and successful writers to put down his pen on his final novel. And there is no better book to do it with than Adam and Eve.

"This brings together all the things readers have loved most about Jeffrey's books for the last 50 years, telling an unforgettable human story set against an epic historical backdrop, and it is an enormous privilege for us to be bringing it to readers around the world later this year."

A member of the House of Lords for more than a quarter of a century, the author is married to Dame Mary Archer and they have two sons, two granddaughters and three grandsons.

JEFFREY Archer is by no means everyone's cup of tea. A Duracell Bunny of a man, even at 85 he is a whirling ball of energy in person. Three years ago, in his eighth decade with the clock ticking, he told me that, even though not a believer, he had "a tendency to ask, 'Can I do another book, please?'"

Since then, he's written two more and Adam and Eve, which he says will be his last full-length novel, will be his 32nd book by my reckoning. Readers will be devastated that Archer is putting down his pen. Critics, less so.

Despite selling more than 300 million copies of his books around the world, it's fair to say the writer has never been universally admired by the literary establishment.

Critics have grudgingly (and rightly) accepted his ability to drum up a plot but often poured scorn on his writing. Did it matter? Not a jot. Readers loved Archer's thrilling tales,

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MATT NIXSON

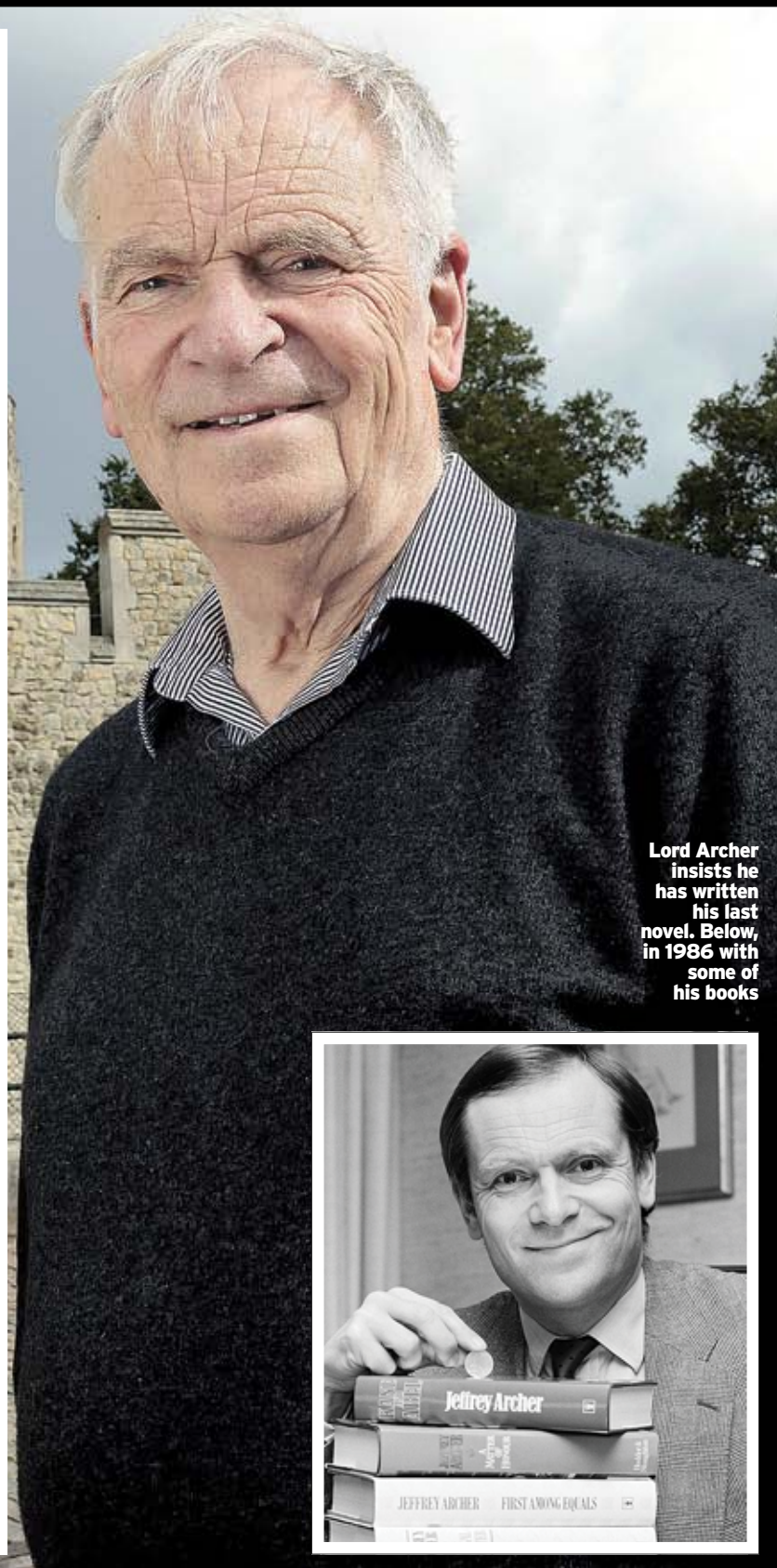
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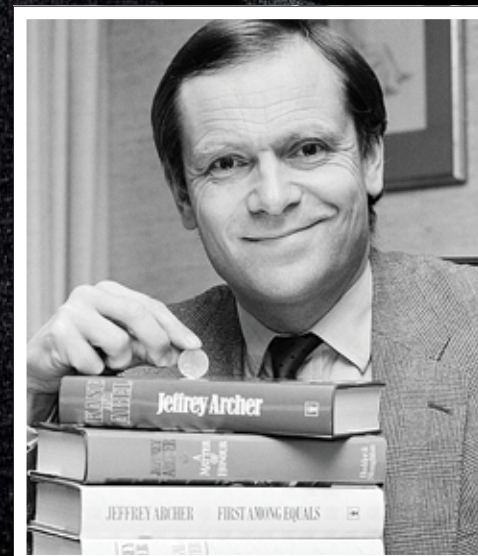
often with a blockbuster twist, whether they were reviewed well or not. And the sales proved it. He even admitted his books were pirated widely in places like India.

When a new book came out, it was immediately ripped off. He remains deeply flattered. "I'd rather be read than dead," he told me. "I'm a competitor by nature."

Given that, and given Archer's huge energy and enthusiasm, which hasn't dimmed, I'd be surprised if Adam and Eve really is his last book. He loves writing short stories and admits he might still pick up his pen. His readers will be keeping their fingers crossed.



Lord Archer insists he has written his last novel. Below, in 1986 with some of his books



BY HANNA GEISSLER Health Editor

COMPLETING the puzzle pages of the Express may boost your brain health, according to experts.

Alzheimer's Research UK is urging people to challenge their brains with activities such as crosswords and sudokus to build cognitive reserve.

A survey commissioned by the charity found that only 30% of Britons regularly take part in traditional "brain teaser" activities. Some 32% admitted they do them less frequently now than they did a decade ago.

Resilient

Dr Jacqui Hanley, head of research at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "Studies suggest there are steps we can all take to protect our brain health and build our cognitive reserve, making our brains more resilient no matter what age we start.

"If someone with a high cognitive reserve develops dementia, studies have found they typically experience Alzheimer's symptoms around five years later

Express puzzles CAN help boost your brain!

than those who don't regularly challenge their brains." Research also suggests up to 45% of dementia cases are linked to factors people can influence.

The charity is urging people to identify free time, such as on their daily commute, when they can challenge their brains.

Its campaign is backed by Great Western Railway, which has worked with artist Chris Bishop to create a puzzle image hiding clues to 40 railway stations.

Dr Hanley added: "It's never too early to make positive lifestyle changes, and this

brain-teasing puzzle is a great way to introduce brain challenges into your daily routine. If nothing changes, one in two of us will be directly affected by dementia – either by developing the condition ourselves, caring for someone with it, or both.

"Through awareness activities such as the Think Brain Health campaign, we will reach a future where fewer people develop dementia."

You can complete the railway puzzle at alzheimersresearchuk.org/brain-health-check-in/puzzle/



People are urged to do challenging activities in their free time

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King shocked and saddened as train death toll rises to 42

BY **EMILY FERGUSON** Royal Editor

THE King has said he is “profoundly shocked and saddened” by the deaths of 41 people in Spain’s train disaster.

Charles sent a message of sympathy to its monarch Felipe VI yesterday as the country began three days of mourning over the Andalusia crash.

He said: “My wife and I have been profoundly shocked and saddened to learn of the appalling train accident in southern Spain and of the many lives so tragically lost.

“We offer our deepest possible sympathy to all those who have suffered the heartbreaking loss of their loved ones and our special thoughts remain with those who have been terribly injured.

Prayers

“We also wish to pay a particular tribute to the emergency services who responded so swiftly and courageously at the scene of the crash.

“We hold the people of Spain in our most heartfelt prayers.”

King Felipe and Queen Letizia visited the crash site yesterday, speaking to rescue workers who were continuing to extricate bodies from debris.

The rear of the Malaga to Madrid express carrying 289 people left the rails near Adamuz at 7.45pm on Sunday, slamming into an oncoming train from Madrid to Huelva.

The front section of the second ser-

vice, carrying nearly 200 passengers, took the brunt of the impact and two carriages plunged down a 13ft slope.

Most of the dead and injured were discovered in the first part of the Huelva train, although some bodies were later found hundreds of yards from the collision.

The death toll rose to 42 yesterday after another body was found in the wreckage. Officials have warned that the death count may still rise as emergency crews look for victims in what regional president Juanma Moreno called “a twisted mass of metal”.

More than 120 people were injured – 39 remained in hospital yesterday.

Among the dead were Jose Zamorano and Cristina Alvarez, their son Pepe and nephew Felix, who were returning from Madrid after seeing the Lion King musical. Their six-year-old daughter, who was found walking barefoot along the track, was the only member of the family to survive.

Officials are continuing to investigate the cause of Spain’s worst train disaster in more than a decade. It occurred on a straight line, and neither train was speeding.

Sabotage and human error have been ruled out, with investigations focusing on a 12in gap in a rail on the high-speed line – although officials warned against early speculation



King Felipe and Queen Letizia meet rescuers; silent tribute for victims in Huelva, below



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Fall in police on front line under Labour

BY MICHAEL KNOWLES

THE number of police officers on the front line has plummeted under Labour, figures reveal.

Some 67,085 officers were classed as “visible operational frontline police officers”, down from 72,151 in 2024 and 76,866 in 2023, Home Office figures seen by the Daily Express reveal.

A government source said: “The number of trained police officers in desk-based support roles has soared by over 40% to more than 12,600 in the past six years, while the total number of officers only increased by around 20% in the same period.”

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood has vowed to cut the number of uniformed officers in HR and IT support roles.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley said slashing the number of police forces will improve local policing. He added: “We are overdue big police reforms.”



Brand at earlier hearing

Brand court hearing over rape charge

BY JOSH PAYNE

RUSSELL Brand has appeared in a UK court via video link from the US charged with two further sexual offences, including rape.

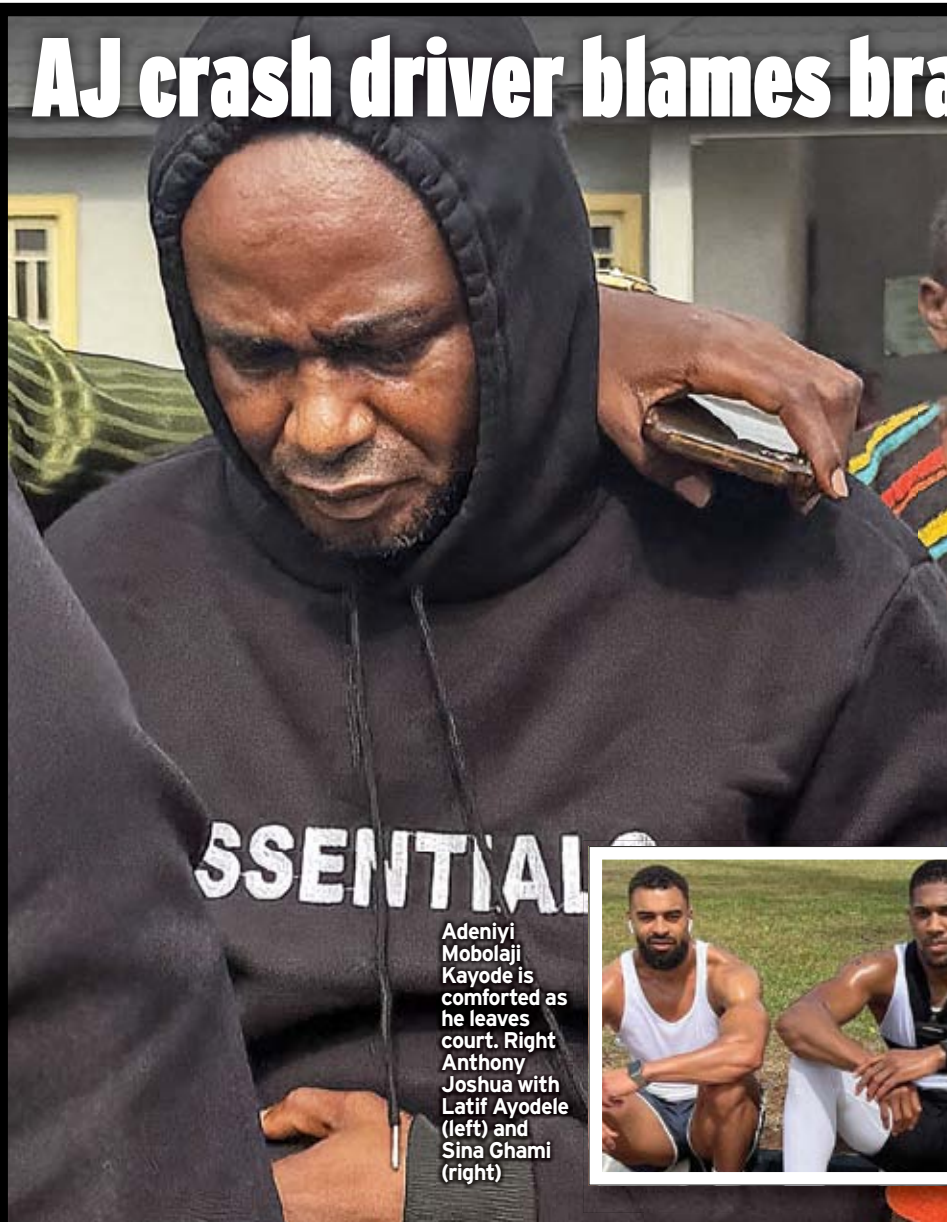
Brand, 50, previously denied two counts of rape, one of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault relating to alleged offences between 1999 and 2005 involving four women.

Yesterday, he appeared at Westminster magistrates court accused of one further rape and one of sexual assault, which are both alleged to have taken place in 2009. He spoke only to confirm his name and date of birth during the six-minute hearing.

The comedian and actor was granted bail to appear at Southwark crown court, Central London, on February 17.

A trial is scheduled for this year in relation to the five original charges.

AJ crash driver blames brakes for fatal tragedy



Adeniyi Mobolaji Kayode is comforted as he leaves court. Right Anthony Joshua with Latif Ayodele (left) and Sina Ghami (right)



A DRIVER has appeared in court, charged over the crash that killed two of the ex-heavyweight champ's closest pals.

Two-time world boxing champion Joshua, 36, was in the back of a black Lexus SUV when it hit a stationary truck on a major road, near Lagos, Nigeria, on December 29.

His friends Latif Ayodele and Sina Ghami were killed. Ghami was Joshua's strength and conditioning coach and trainer Ayodele was described as being like a twin to the fighter.

Adeniyi Mobolaji Kayode, 46, has been charged with dangerous driving causing death, reckless and negligent driving, driving without due care and attention and driving without a valid national driver's licence. The case was adjourned

BY PHIL CARDY

until February 25 at the prosecution's request.

Kayode was consoled by a friend as he left Sagamu magistrate court in southwestern Ogun State. Prosecutors say Kayode was driving Joshua and his friends when the SUV hit the back of a truck carrying soya beans.

Ghami and Ayodele were killed instantly as the vehicle's side was sheared off. Joshua and Kayode escaped without serious injuries.

Joshua swapped seats with Latif just before the drive on Nigeria's deadliest road from Lagos to Sagamu, an hour away and where AJ has family.

Kayode denied the charges read to him. His lawyer Olalekan Abiodun said: “My client has pleaded not guilty and what happened was an accident.

“I know he is saying the brakes did not work. I also understand that the journey started in Lagos and that initially Anthony had got into the front seat but the driver asked him to swap seats. He did this because Anthony is a big fellow and he couldn't see the wing mirror properly so he asked him to move and he sat behind the driver.”

Boy, 15, found stabbed to death at beauty spot

BY PATRICK HILL

Pictures: ADAM GERRARD

A SCHOOLBOY has been fatally stabbed in a town-centre park, police said yesterday.

Passers-by and emergency services tried to help the 15-year-old but he died soon after he was found in woodland. The site, which is popular with families, also boasts a bowls club and treetop adventure area featuring ziplines and climbing equipment.

Det Ch Supt Debbie White, of Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team, said the stabbing happened around 6pm on Monday in Stoke Park, Guildford.

Sleepy

She added: “Sadly, despite the best efforts of emergency services and members of the public at the location, the boy died shortly afterwards.

“We want to reassure you that we are working at pace to establish the circumstances of his death, gather as much evidence as possible and identify those responsible.

“Although the circumstances are not clear at this time, this is a fast-moving investigation and we are pursuing a number of lines of inquiry.”

Yesterday two blue police tents could be seen in the park, along with forensic officers combing the site,



Police guard as forensic experts comb Stoke Park where tents were set up for the investigators

which has been cordoned off. A local resident, who asked only to be identified as Peter, said: “You just don't think things like that happen around here. It's a big town, Guildford, but it's quite sleepy. I've lived here all my life. I'm shocked.”

He added that the area was normally “full of kids and families. Something like this is just unbelievable”.

Rebecca May, posting on Facebook,

said workers at a nearby leisure centre were among those who tried to save the boy's life. She wrote: “15 years old, it's no age... staff from Guildford Spectrum tried to resuscitate but his wounds were too severe.”

Guildford MP Zoe Franklin said: “It is difficult to find words for this tragic and devastating news. My heart goes out to the family of this young man.

“If you have any information you think could help the police with this

tragic case please make contact with them as soon as possible.”

The victim has not been identified but his family have been told and are being supported by specialist officers.

DCS White appealed for anyone in the area between 6pm and 6.20pm on Monday – or has information – to come forward urgently. She added: “Our heartfelt condolences remain with his family and friends at this extremely difficult time.”

By Jackie Annett

WHEN his assistant walked in with a balloon in the shape of the number two, Phil Collins was confused. "Who's two?" he asked her. She said: "No, it's two years since we had a drink."

It's a massive achievement for Phil, whose drinking led to pancreatitis so severe that his will was discussed while he was in hospital – in front of his children. He admits: "It's been a difficult, interesting, frustrating last two years."

Describing his drinking, he continues: "I wasn't one of those guys that stayed up all night drinking, I'd drink during the day. But I guess I had too much of it and it all caught up with me."

Phil, who turns 75 on January 30, is speaking to Zoe Ball for an exclusive interview to be aired on Radio 2 in early February.

He talks frankly about his health problems, starting with a spinal injury during the 2007 Genesis tour, which triggered nerve damage affecting his hands and legs, forcing him to stop drumming and retire from touring in 2022. He has also had knee operations – plus he has type 2 diabetes and hearing loss from a virus he picked up in 2000.

After moving to Switzerland in 1997, he finalised his divorce from third wife Orianne Cevey in 2008 – although they reconciled in 2016 and then parted again in 2020.

Phil says being single escalated his drinking, as he had too much time on his hands.

But today, he looks trim and fit and is considering going back into the studio and even touring. He says: "I have a 24-hour live-in nurse to make sure I take my medication."

"I've had five operations on my knee. But now I've got a knee that works and I can walk, albeit with crutches."

"I'm not dead yet."

"The things that are ahead for me would be, apart from just being back to being totally mobile and healthy, sort of maybe go in there [the recording studio] and have a fiddle about and see if there's more music."

"So that is something on my horizon. I've got some things that are half-formed or were never finished, and a couple of things that were finished, so you know there's maybe life in the old dog yet."

"Never say never."

With three UK No1 singles, two Golden Globes, six Brit Awards and eight Grammys under his belt, Phil has had an incredible career.

He has also had a very colourful love life – with divorce settlements reportedly costing him a total of £42million.

Orianne, who he married in 1999, was his third wife. His second marriage from 1984 to 1996 was to Jill Tavelman and his first, from 1975 to 1980 was to Andrea Bertorelli. Phil is immensely proud of his resulting five children – Joely, 53, Simon, 49, Lily, 36, Nicholas, 24, and Matthew, 20.

Lily is a celebrated actress, with credits including *Emily in Paris*, *Snow White and Mirror, Mirror*. Nic plays drums for Mike and the Mechanics and also sometimes Genesis.

Phil says: "I had a very happy family life. My kids are amazingly well-adjusted considering some of the things that they've been through. I'm very proud of all of them. They've all stood on their own and done what they believe in." Nic and Phil have

Maybe there's life in the old dog yet. Never say never...

After quitting the drinking that landed him in hospital, and now looking trim and fit, the veteran rocker is considering going back into the studio and even touring



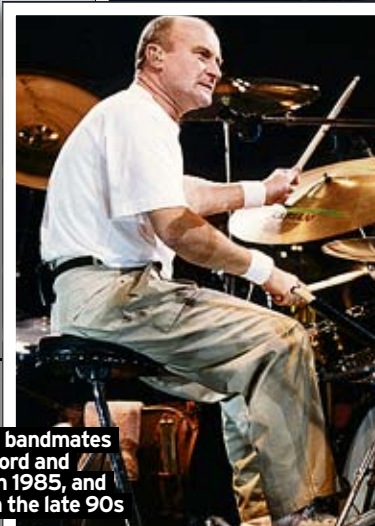
Young Phil in around 1965



Long-haired Phil in the 1970s



With Genesis bandmates Mike Rutherford and Tony Banks in 1985, and performing in the late 90s



played together on many occasions, although Nic professes to being nervous about standing in for his world-famous father in Genesis.

He says: "He'd come by the side of the drum riser on some of the instrumental bits."

"Once I figured out that he wasn't sitting there to judge me, it became a really nice moment that we shared." Phil says Nic's talent "surprised the sh** out of me".

Recalling how he'd play drums with Nic

and Matthew when they were kids, he says: "They've had two drum kits and my drum kit down in the playroom and we all used to play together and then they played together and Nic just got better and better. I'm very proud of him and he's amazing. I'm very proud of all my kids, they've all done incredibly well."

Simon is also a musician and drummer – he used to be the lead singer of progressive

rock band Sound of Contact. Joely is an actress and producer and Phil's youngest Matthew is a professional football player in Austria.

Phil, whose dad Greville was an insurance agent, and mum, June, was a talent manager, got his first drum kit aged five when the family lived in Chiswick, West London.

That same year he started drama school and landed the role of the Artful Dodger in a

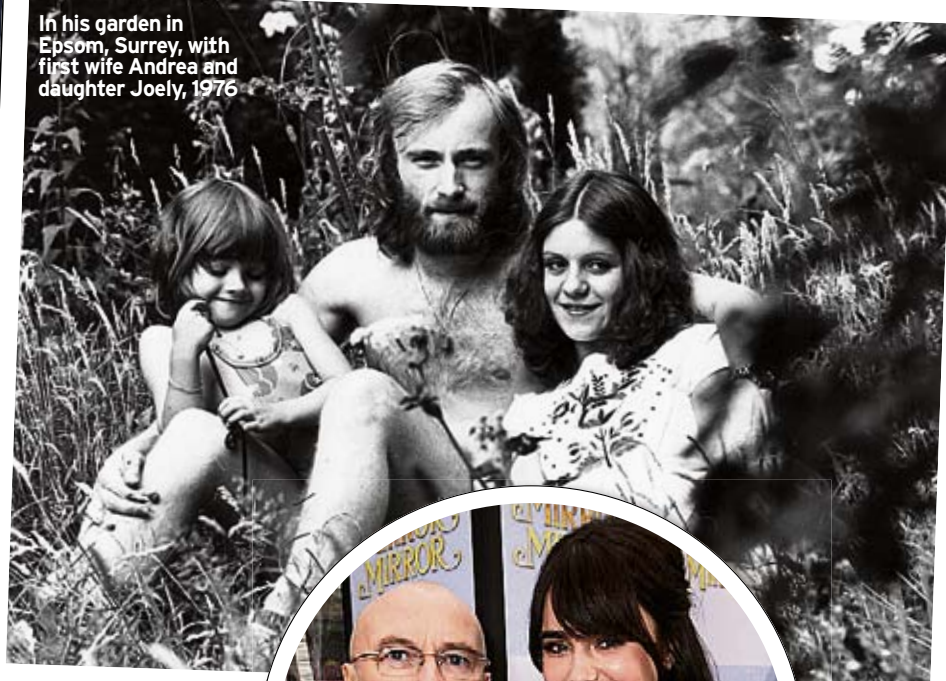
AT 75

Son Matthew, third wife Orianne, Phil and son Nic in Miami in 2018



On Genesis' 'The Last Domino' Tour, 2021

In his garden in Epsom, Surrey, with first wife Andrea and daughter Joely, 1976



Phil with his actress daughter Lily in 2012

West End production of *Oliver!*. But it's his later showbiz career he reminisces about.

Remembering the sell-out concerts of his glory days alongside Mike Rutherford and Tony Banks in Genesis, he says: "Sometimes I feel like, wouldn't it be nice if we did it again?"

"I just don't know if I want to go as far as to launch that boat, you know? Because once you launch it, it's difficult to unlaunch it."

Phil – who joined Genesis as the drummer in 1970 – says of becoming the frontman when Peter Gabriel quit in 1975: "The job was kind of thrust upon me by default because we couldn't find a singer."

"I was very reluctant at first and it was my first wife that said 'Why don't you do it?' and at that point I bit the bullet."

"Having to go down the front and stand with just this microphone stand scared the life out of me."

"The drums were like a security blanket – you've got something between you and the audience. Everyone's looking at you... I was suddenly under the spotlight."

But, as the hits came, his confidence grew and in 1981 he began his solo career, with

hits like *In the Air Tonight* reaching No2 in the UK charts.

Phil also worked with former Led Zeppelin vocalist Robert Plant in the early 1980s.

Phil drummed on Robert's first two solo albums and toured with him. They performed together at the 1985 Live Aid concert.

Robert says: "We had so much fun. I love

him and he played a big part in my early career take-off, post Led Zeppelin."

Looking back on his career and the people he has worked with, despite his health difficulties and the drink problem, Phil has few regrets. He says: "I'd love to do it again. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

The new BBC Sounds series, *Eras: Phil Collins* with Zoe Ball is available on BBC Sounds from January 26 and airs on Radio 2 in early February.



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'Live longer with variety of exercise'

BY **STORM NEWTON**

REGULARLY enjoying a mix of exercise such as walking, running and cycling helps you live longer, a study suggests.

Making a habit of any activity was linked to lower premature death rates but those enjoying a variety of exercises were likely to have a higher life expectancy.

Those with the widest range of activity had a 19% lower risk of premature death from all causes, found the analysis of two studies of over three decades of data from more than 111,373 people.

Risk of death from heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease, and other causes was lowered by up to 41%.

The researchers, who published their findings in BMJ Medicine, gave each person a score for every physical activity based on energy burned.

The benefits levelled off after the scores reached a certain point.

The team said: "Beyond these thresholds, the associations were no longer significant."

'Vitamin D can ward off pneumonia'

BY **JANE KIRBY**

LOW vitamin D levels raise the risk of being admitted to hospital for chest infections by a third, research suggests.

Experts believe the bone and muscle aid has antiviral properties.

The University of Surrey-led study found those with a severe vitamin D deficiency (below 15 nmol/L) were 33% more likely to end up in hospital for bugs such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

The researchers, who analysed NHS data from 36,258 people in the UK Biobank, also learned that for each 10 nmol/L increase in vitamin D, the hospital admission rate fell by 4%.

Middle-aged and older people are particularly vulnerable to chest infections. The NHS suggests a supplement in autumn and winter when natural levels are not boosted by sunshine.

Lead researcher Abi Bournot said taking 10 microgrammes a day is "an effective way of reducing the risk of serious respiratory tract infections".



'It was distressing...like a war zone'

BY **HANNA GEISSLER**

PAULINE spent 23 hours in A&E in conditions her husband Mike described as feeling like "a war zone" before dying during her hospital stay.

During the "undignified" experience she was left in a chair without a bed, feeling exhausted, frightened and distressed.

The couple, both in their 80s, went to their local hospital after Pauline became acutely unwell in March last year. She had a life-saving heart transplant more than 20 years ago.

Mike recalled: "The hospital was absolutely rammed. Chaos reigned. Staff were rushing about and there were patients everywhere. It felt like a war zone."

"She was kept in A&E for 23 hours, sitting in an armchair. There wasn't a bed for her. She stayed in that chair all that time. She was distressed and worried."

"Compared to the care we had before, this was completely different. It was undignified."

Pauline was eventually moved to a ward but her treatment was delayed for nine days and her condition worsened as staff struggled to meet her needs and she died a week later.

Mike, who lives near Canterbury, Kent, said the experience for his wife of 60 years and for him was traumatic and degrading.

He added: "After seeing what happened to my wife, I wouldn't want to go into hospital myself. I would resist it as much as I could."

100,000 older patients in A&E waited more than 24 hours for bed

BY **HANNA GEISSLER** Health Editor

MORE than 100,000 over-65s waited between one and three days in A&E before a ward bed could be found in 2024/25, analysis by Age UK reveals.

The charity said there has been an exponential increase in long waits over the past six years "that shames our society and the NHS", with the figure rising from 1,346 in 2018/19.

More than half of the 101,972 affected last year were aged over 80.

Age UK obtained the shocking data via a Freedom of Information request sent to type 1 emergency departments in England which run 24/7.

The analysis was limited to three

Horrific

days, as NHS England said any waits recorded above three days were likely to be the result of data errors.

However, the charity said it and other organisations had heard accounts of people waiting up to a week for a hospital bed to be found.

Caroline Abrahams, Age UK charity director, said the findings are "staggering". She added: "Waiting for more than 24 hours, often on a hard chair in a corridor or other overspill area, when you are extremely unwell, in pain, probably alone, maybe fearing

EVERY JOINT ACHED, IT WAS EXCRUCIATING

DAVID, 77, endured a 30-hour wait in agony in A&E after catching a virus that attacked his kidneys.

The retired deputy head teacher has severe chronic fatigue syndrome and multiple health conditions, including joint replacements and prostate cancer.

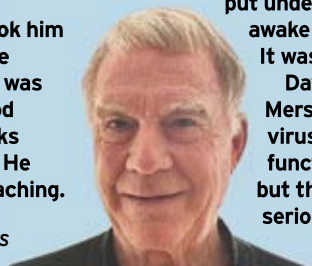
His wife Christine took him to A&E after he became suddenly unwell. David was treated with drips, blood tests and cardiac checks while seated on chairs. He said: "Every joint was aching."

David waited for 30 hours

It was excruciating, I could barely move. They told me there were no beds, no trolleys, nothing.

"I was left in the reception area all night with no treatment and no one checking on me. I ended up lying on the floor. Someone gave me a coat to put under my head. I'd been awake for three nights by then. It was horrendous."

David, of Southport, Merseyside, was later told a virus had reduced his kidney function. His was discharged but the experience triggered a serious relapse of his chronic fatigue syndrome.



for your life, would be horrific at any age, let alone if you are in your 80s or beyond. And yet this is happening day in, day out in the worst affected hospitals, to the extent that it has become routine.

"We should all be ashamed that this is what we've come to. It's utterly soul destroying for doctors and nurses, and extremely frightening for older people who know that they may need to go to A&E one day."

Older people often arrive at A&E

with multiple, more complex health conditions which take longer to assess and determine the right course of treatment for, Age UK said.

Having more doctors who specialise in older people's health available 24/7 could therefore help speed up the flow of patients, it suggested. The charity also highlighted delayed discharges, which often occur when patients do not have the right care support in place to return home.

Ms Abrahams said Age UK is "yet to

be convinced the government appreciates the seriousness of this situation and has the grip to turn it around".

Dr Ian Higginson, president of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, said A&Es are "chaotic, noisy and disorienting environments, especially for older people".

He added: "These figures and the heart-wrenching stories from patients, shared by Age UK, are a damning indictment of the state of emergency departments and reflect the reality that my colleagues and I see each and every day at work."

"An emergency department is not a place for a stay which can be measured in days."

Reality

A Department of Health and Social Care spokesperson said the government had invested almost £450million in urgent and emergency care.

They added: "These stories are shocking and appalling."

"This government inherited a broken NHS with unacceptable waiting times and corridor care normalised, but we are working hard to turn things around – and thanks to the steps we've taken, this winter ambulances are arriving faster, and A&E waits are shorter."

Avoid making a bad call

As AI hooovers up data storage capacity, experts warn it will send phone costs skyrocketing. Deputy technology editor HENRY BURRELL outlines what you need to know

SMARTPHONES were once the preserve of tech enthusiasts and corporate professionals, but today the number of people without one is dwindling fast. An incredible two in three people aged 65 and over in the UK now use a smartphone – the equivalent of around 8.5 million in total – with that figure rising to nine in 10 people

aged 55 to 65. But while smartphone usage has become ubiquitous, so has the bewildering level of information about the types of models, deals and packages available on the market.

And the bad news for consumers who have delayed an upgrade is that smartphones are about to get more expensive due to AI.

Telecoms expert Ernest Doku says prices of premium phone models will increase as memory components such as DRAM (dynamic random access memory) – most commonly used in computers and mobile devices – become more expensive as they are used to power AI services such as ChatGPT.

“There’s a risk of affordable upgrades being a thing of the past – consumers are going to be more conscientious about how much they’re paying for their devices,” he says.

AI firms such as OpenAI and Google are sucking up huge amounts of memory at power-guzzling AI data centres, which has created a global shortage of DRAM.

“That shortage has massively pushed up the price to somewhere between 50% to 70% for RAM,” says Ben Wood, chief analyst at industry research company CCS Insight. “For phones, you could see price rises of somewhere between 5% and 10% in 2026.”

While manufacturers will increase prices on phones in all brackets, consumers can also expect price increases to their mobile contracts. “All UK mobile network operators are cash-strapped as margins are being squeezed,” says Paolo Pescatore, founder of analyst firm PP Foresight.

“Striking the right balance between raising much-needed funds and investing in next-generation networks is never easy.”

Since regulator Ofcom ruled last January that mobile providers must state by how much mid-contract prices will increase in clear pounds and pence, providers have struggled to strike a balance. Last year, O2 announced some mobile customers would see bills rise by £2.50 where it had previously stated rises would be £1.80, a move Doku describes as “problematic”.

The new rules allow operators to charge a flat rate for all customers across all tariffs, which could prompt consumers to switch providers for a cheaper deal or join a network that doesn’t increase fees annually.

“All those consumers who have made a move to cheap SIMs are now facing, proportionally, 12%, 15% or 20% price rises, therefore the decision to switch is much more front of mind than a lot of the networks anticipated,” says Doku. “We’re going to see networks that don’t apply price rises really dial up that message to consumers.” These



Servers in a data centre as AI takes hold of technology



providers include Giffgaff, Tesco Mobile and Lebara and are known as mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) because they lease network capacity from EE, O2 or VodafoneThree, the latter of which merged two of the UK’s major networks last year.

“Consumers will feel the difference with massive spectrum sharing, the phone going between Three and Vodafone masts automatically to really boost reliability,” said Doku.

Wood says the merger was good for consumers because it intensified competition with EE and O2.

“There are no new customers left,” adds Wood. “Everyone who wants a phone has got one, so either you hold on to the customers you’ve got, or you steal them.”

Mobile customers who already own their phone outright, or who can afford to buy a new phone upfront in 2026, will turn to MVNOs that offer cheaper, 30-day rolling SIM-only plans. New entrants include challenger bank Revolut, which offers unlimited 5G data, plus calls and texts for £12.50 per month. Rival Monzo could also enter the mobile market this year along with buy now, pay later firm Klarna. But

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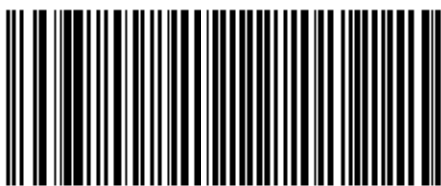


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on a new smartphone



chasing savings on your bills could be a dead end. "Arguably there are bigger savings on switching TV providers as content is now available across numerous players offering a range of bundles including streaming services," says Pescatore.

Price rises aren't the only development coming down the phone line.

While high-end smartphones are pushing well over the £1,000 mark – the iPhone 17 Pro costs from £1,099 and the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra retails at £1,249 – the most anticipated phone of this year is likely to tip the scales closer to £2,000.

"This is an important year for foldable phones because all the rumours point towards Apple introducing a folding iPhone, and whenever Apple does something everybody wants to know about it," says Wood.

FOLDABLES consist of one folding screen that opens and closes like a book, or an old flip phone, and provides a bigger screen space. Apple's main smartphone rival Samsung released its first folding phone in 2019, though high prices and durability concerns have stunted foldable phone growth to about 30 million units per annum.

Sales could soar, however, with the arrival of iPhone's model that is said

to fold book-style like the £1,799 Samsung Galaxy Z Fold 7. Wood says the price could be costly so as not to cannibalise sales of Apple's existing high-end phones.

Next month could see Samsung announce new premium Galaxy S phones, and the UK is waiting to see if it will get the Galaxy Z TriFold, which folds not once but twice, revealing a 10-inch tablet screen. Prices could exceed £2,000.

"It is a statement device," says Dario Betti, CEO of the Mobile Ecosystem Forum. "Samsung is using it as a technology pilot, not a revenue engine. The objective is to show what Samsung can build before Apple enters the field."

But all these new, expensive phones with AI won't necessarily convince the UK public to invest.

"People are holding on to their phones for longer because innovation has slowed and phones have got better," says Wood. "They're keeping their phones for up to four years."

That could see phone buyers turn to the increasingly mature refurbished phone market, where buying a secondhand device is less risky than it used to be thanks to established retailers that offer a warranty.

"A two-year-old iPhone is not a million miles away from a brand new iPhone today," says Wood. "There are going to be trade-offs, but it is going to save you a lot of money."

HOW TO GET A GOOD DEAL ON A NEW PHONE

YOU can find cheaper contract deals from retailers such as Mobiles.co.uk on the latest iPhone or Samsung Galaxy compared to the big operators, but you'll be restricted to certain networks.

Buy a new phone outright and you could save money over time. The iPhone 17 is £799, but its cheap SIM-only service deal is £10 a month or

less. Provider Smarty is currently offering a rolling one-month SIM plan with unlimited calls and texts and 24GB of 5G data for £7 per month – that's £967 over 24 months. EE's 25GB plan with the same phone on contract costs £65.36 per month, £1,568.64 over 24 months – minus a £30 upfront cost and annual contract price rise.

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Polluting firm pays £1m after 1,000 fish killed

A MAJOR aeronautical company has voluntarily paid more than £1million to tackle a pollution incident that killed about 1,000 fish.

The contamination in 2018 at Mettis Aerospace's metals installation site happened when a solution of caustic and sodium aluminate leaked into an unprotected surface water drain.

Environment Agency officials said it then spread into a nearby water course and ended up causing the death of around 1,000 freshwater fish.

Discharges

Mettis offered an Enforcement Undertaking of £1,024,358 as an alternative to prosecution, including spending £504,240 on site infrastructure improvements.

The EU is a voluntary offer made by companies and individuals to make amends for offences committed.

Accepting an EU is at the discretion of the EA, but enables firms and individuals who have damaged the environment to offer to address the cause

BY CHRIS RICHES

and effect of the breach. The EA said: "Protecting the environment and taking action against those that damage or threaten this is our utmost priority."

"While we will always prosecute in the most serious cases, enforcement undertakings are an effective enforcement tool to allow companies to put things right and contribute to environmental improvements."

"They enable businesses to become more compliant and prevent repeat offending by improving their procedures and helping ensure future compliance with requirements."

The EA said it launched an investigation after discharges from the surface water drainage system at the site in Redditch, Worcestershire, occurred from the uncontrolled overfilling of a process tank on the site and inadequate containment measures.

Mettis accepted that the discharges had caused a fish-kill incident. Its penalty fee also included donations to regional environment projects.

The seafront property featured in novel *The House on the Strand*



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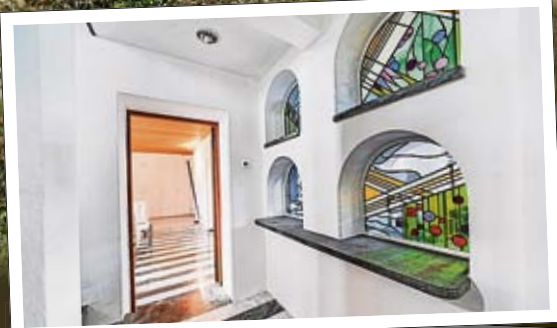
BY EMMA FERGUSON and FILIPA GASPAR

A WATERFRONT Arts and Crafts house that featured in a Daphne du Maurier novel is on sale for £4million.

Chapel Point House is a five-bedroom Grade-II listed cliff-top property with its own beach and boat house.

Built by architect John Campbell between 1934 and 1939, the house at Portmellon in Mevagissey, Cornwall, starred unnamed in the novel *The House on the Strand*, published in 1969 by the Rebecca and Jamaica Inn author.

For the past four decades it was the home of architect John Bonnington, who added new touches including stained-glass windows.



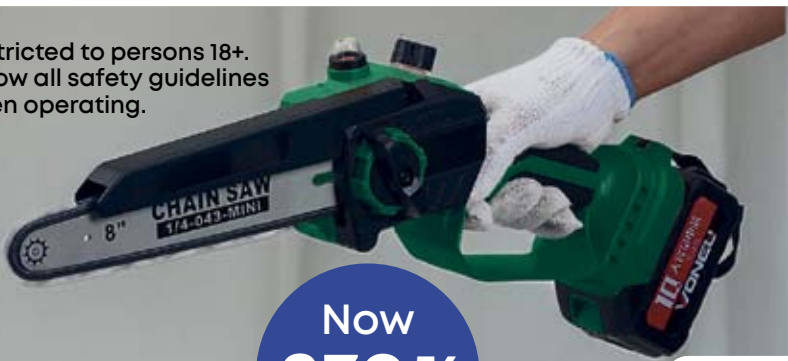
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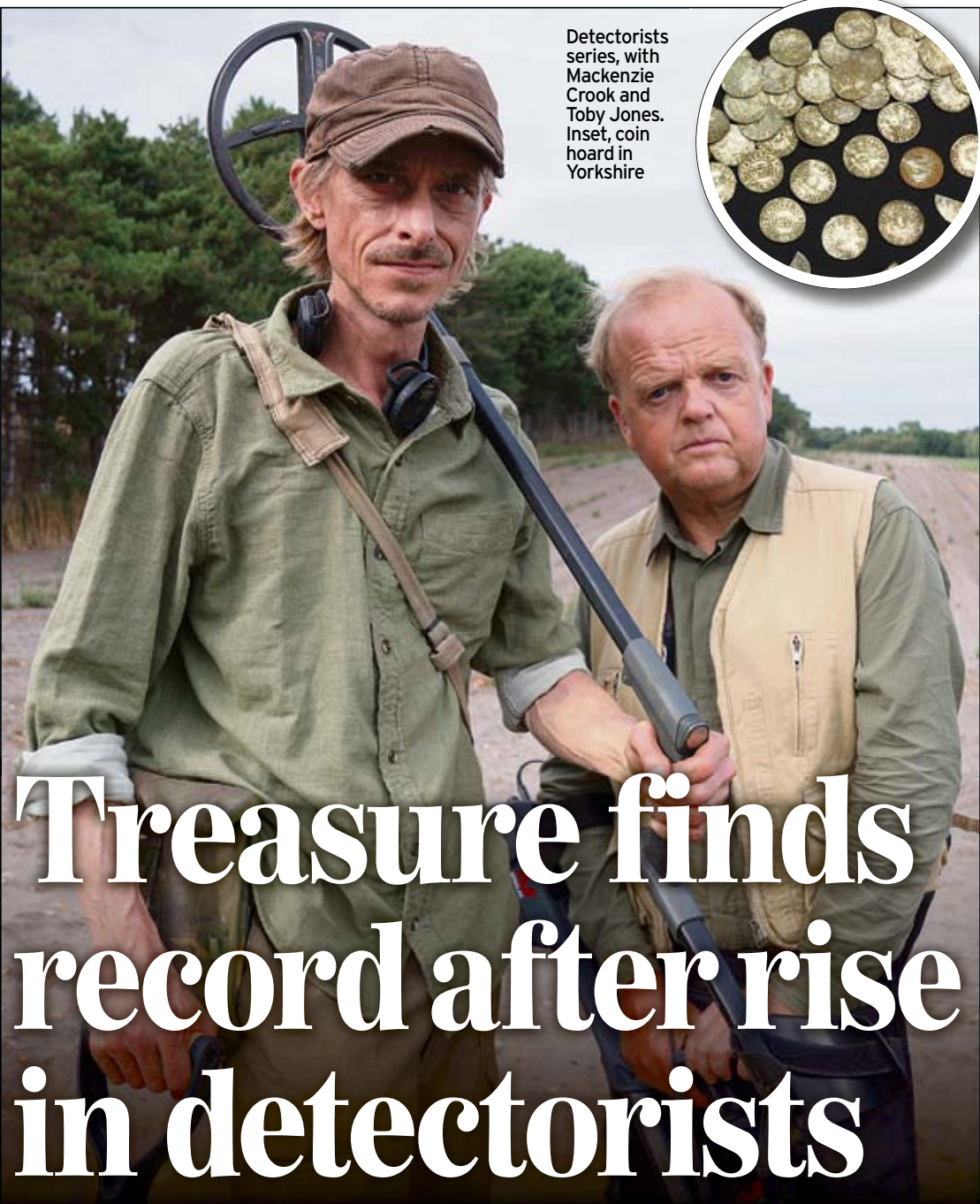
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Treasure finds record after rise in detectorists

A RECORD-breaking number of archaeological finds and treasures were unearthed in Britain last year, fuelled by the rise in metal detectorists.

British Museum figures show there have been big increases in discoveries by the public, accounting for 94%.

Metal detecting has surged in recent years, with more than 20,000 people now owning a device. This is partly due to the success of the BBC comedy-drama series *Detectorists*, starring Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones.

Among the discoveries made by the public last year was a hoard of 179 silver pennies, likely buried on the eve of the

BY JENNY GARNSWORTHY

Battle of Hastings in 1066. Another item was a copper-alloy Roman vehicle fitting in Essex.

The latest figures for the Portable Antiquities Scheme – a programme to record small finds – show there were 79,616 in 2024. This was up from 74,506 in 2023.

Meanwhile, 1,540 treasure cases were reported in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the highest number in a single year. The figure for 2023 was 1,377.

The counties recording the most PAS finds were Norfolk (7,120), Suffolk (5,410), Lincolnshire (5,133) and Gloucestershire (5,034), all agricultural counties known to have a rich archaeolog-

ical heritage. During the same period, Norfolk (138), Hampshire (110) and North Yorkshire (109) recorded the highest numbers of treasure finds. More than 92% of objects were recovered from cultivated land.

Another find was early medieval precious metal objects found by detectorists in ploughed soil in Wiltshire, thought to form part of a high-status burial.

It includes a silver, gold and garnet bird's head terminal with elephant ivory inlays, possibly from a drinking horn, gold rings, and other metal objects.

Ian Richardson, of the British Museum, said: "The continued rise in the number of finds is a testament to the dedication of finders across the country."

Culture minister Baroness Twycross said: "These discoveries provide us with a wealth of knowledge."



Bird's head gem found in Wiltshire

Warning as driving test cheating soars

ATTEMPTS to cheat driving tests increased by 47% in a year, sparking concerns about road safety.

Some 2,844 cases were recorded in the year to the end of September 2025, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency figures show.

That is up from 1,940 during the previous 12 months.

Motoring research charity the

BY NEIL LANCEFIELD

RAC Foundation said cheats are "putting road users at risk".

The DVSA attributed the increase to more cheating and better detection.

Tech-assisted cheating during theory tests, such as using an earpiece linked to a mobile via Bluetooth, made up the largest proportion of incidents in

2024/25, with 1,113. Stand-ins taking the theory or practical test instead of the candidate were recorded in 1,084 and 647 cases respectively.

Measures to tackle cheating have been beefed up in recent years and 96 people were prosecuted for attempting to cheat driving tests or impersonate candidates in 2024/25, the DVSA said.

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We asked in our poll on Monday:
Should Keir Starmer stand up to President Trump over Greenland?

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CONCORDE'S FINAL COMMERCIAL FLIGHT, 2003

The new set of 12 stamps includes images of the jets in action through the years

Concorde's stamp of approval

BY FRANCES MILLAR

ROYAL Mail is today issuing a set of 12 stamps to mark the 50th anniversary of Concorde's first commercial flight in 1976.

The supersonic jets are depicted throughout their service life up to the final commercial trip in 2003.

The set includes four stamps on a miniature sheet, two of which are reissues of 1969 creations by influential stamp designer David Gentleman.

David Gold, director of external affairs and policy at Royal Mail, said: "These designs pay tribute to the innovation, elegance and engineering excellence that made Concorde a symbol of British ingenuity and ambition."

Four are reissues of those first approved by the late Queen but now all bear King Charles's image



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Ten litter darlings are born to serve



Sweet dreams for the first Guide Dogs of 2026 when they're not feeding from mum

MEET the first litter of guide dogs born in 2026 - with another 1,100 expected this year.

Ten pups, six males and four females, were born at the home of a volunteer near Kidderminster, Worcs, on January 7.

First to arrive at 6.30am was a male weighing a healthy 1lb 3oz.

Their mum Tabitha, a two-year-old black Labrador, and golden retriever dad Harris, five, create a best-of-both crossbreed known for intelligence, work ethic

BY **CHARLIE BAYLISS**

and great temperament. The little'uns are due to be named in the next few weeks and will move on to the homes of the charity's puppy raisers at eight weeks.

Janine Dixon, of Guide Dogs, said: "It's always a joyous occasion when the first guide dog puppies of the year are born."

"They are at the very start of a long journey, and have a great deal to learn before they can qualify in 2027."

Safety expert guilty of death by bad driving

A ROAD safety supervisor who smashed into a pedestrian at almost twice the speed limit and carried her 136ft on his car bonnet has been convicted of causing death by careless driving.

Martin Hayward was going as fast as 56mph in his Audi A4 in a 30mph zone when Clare Munn stepped out on to a crossing.

Hayward, a former taxi driver, was "flying" down the road before hitting the 45-year-old, who died at the scene.

The 55-year-old driver overtook several cars before striking Ms Munn at between 40 and 50mph and then carrying her on his bonnet.

A police expert said Hayward had been speeding between 44-56mph when tragedy struck at 10.05pm on May 2, 2022, in Southampton.

Hayward worked as a taxi driver in the city for 17 years before starting work as a road safety supervisor.

Rebecca Fairbairn, prosecuting, told Southampton crown court: "Mr Hayward accepts causing Ms Munn's

BY **CHARLIE BRADLEY**

death but he says his driving did not fall below that of a competent and careful driver.

"When he was interviewed he maintained he was driving at the speed limit of 30mph because he checked the speedometer and the road conditions.

"Ms Munn was known to approach drivers and ask for money.

"Shortly before the collision, staff at the BP petrol station had moved her away.

"Ms Munn then heads back from where she had come from. Using frame by frame it is possible to isolate her in the moment before she is hit by the defendant's car.

"Ms Munn is then lying in the road. One witness walking towards the bridge said it [the car] was flying at over 30mph. The defendant was travelling at excessive speeds."

Hayward was found guilty of causing death by careless driving and will be sentenced on February 19.



Martin Hayward denied speeding

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YOUR MONEY

Edited by HARVEY JONES



Trump gives markets the jitters again

US President's tariff threats against European allies over Greenland spook investors, an interest rate cut looms to give savers less for their money, but gold price rockets to provide a safe haven

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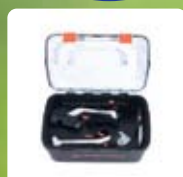
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TRUMP EFFECT
Previously booming
markets take a hit

The UK stock market finally returned to form in 2025, but it faces a bumpy start to the new year as Donald Trump's tariff threats over Greenland rattle investors. Britain's benchmark FTSE 100 index climbed more than 20% last year, twice the pace of the US market, breaking through the 10,000 barrier for the first time.

That was a major boost for UK pension, drawdown and Stocks and Shares ISA investors with exposure to domestic equities. But now uncertainty is back with a bang.

The truth is, it never really went away. For months investors have been fretting about the possibility of a bubble in stocks linked to the

artificial intelligence (AI) revolution, which could burst at any moment. Trump's threat to slap 10% tariffs on exports from eight European countries, including the UK, after they defied him by sending military support to Greenland, has added to the unease.

The tariffs are due to kick in from February 1 and could rise to 25% from June. Yet the stock market reaction on Monday was relatively mild, said Chris Beauchamp, chief market analyst at trading platform IG: "Investors seem to be betting that this is a play by Trump to achieve some kind of deal with the Danes. However, this has the makings of a much bigger crisis."

There was a sharper fall on Tuesday after

new figures showed UK wage growth is slowing. Some analysts think that could persuade the Bank of England to cut interest rates again in February, from 3.75% to 3.5%.

Such a move would support the economy and the stock market, but it would be bad news for savers, further eroding returns on cash. Caitlyn Eastell, personal finance analyst at Moneyfacts, warned: "A new era in the savings market may be taking shape this year, as savings rates are anticipated to fade."

The average easy-access ISA rate has now slipped to 2.69% this month, down from 3.03% a year ago, and 3.25% in January 2024.

Shop around as smaller savings providers are more generous, Eastell added: "The big

banks offer just 1.53% on their easy-access Cash ISAs on average."

Investing in stock markets will always be volatile in the short term, but history shows that those who stay invested tend to enjoy superior returns over the longer run.

Gold was last year's standout winner and it is shining again in 2026. The price has surged more than 70% over the past year to a new all-time high of around \$4,725 an ounce (£3,500), as investors embrace the ultimate safe haven amid mounting global uncertainty.

As ever, approach with caution. The gold price could retreat if today's tensions ease. But as long as Trump remains in the White House, that seems unlikely.

Pros and cons of downsizing in retirement

OPTIONS

Lots to consider when it comes to your home



Edited by HARVEY JONES

DOWNSIZING to a smaller home in later life sounds like a sensible way to raise a large pile of cash in your final years, until you actually come to do it. In practice, most pensioners want to stay put, continuing to live in a home they love, filled with a lifetime of memories.

Just one in seven over-55s say they would consider downsizing, according to Hargreaves Lansdown. Younger people are more drawn to the idea, almost one in four, but their views are likely to change over time too.

In theory, downsizing seems like a brilliant idea. Retirement is a worry for many, even homeowners who may own a property worth hundreds of thousands but struggle to cover costs such as food, heating and running a car.

Once the children have left home, many older people find themselves rattling around in a house too big for their needs – one that's expensive to heat, repair and maintain, particularly if there's a large garden. Plus, selling up could release much-needed family homes on to the market, helping younger buyers climb the ladder.

But while the theory is terrific, it collides with reality, and many older people simply find they can't do it. When asked why, more than a third said they didn't want to move to a smaller property, while another third were too attached to their home.

For many, the killer is cost. Downsizing can be expensive, eating into any savings made. Costs include estate agency fees, removal fees, stamp duty on the new purchase, and the expense of doing it up.

Finding a suitable smaller property isn't easy either.

Bungalows are in short supply, pushing prices higher. And many people simply don't want less space, particularly when children or grandchildren come to stay.

Helen Morrissey, head of retirement analysis at Hargreaves Lansdown, said many rule out downsizing once they grasp the compromises involved. "Also, people may have brought up their family there and will be reluctant to move somewhere much smaller or further away from loved ones."

"There's a lot to weigh up."

There may be tax advantages, though, particularly with Chancellor Rachel Reeves planning to make unused defined contribution pension pots liable to inheritance tax from April next year. "This could prompt people to consider downsizing to reduce the value of their estate. It requires careful thought."

An equity-release lifetime mortgage is another option, which allows homeowners to unlock property value without selling up. The funds can be gifted to loved ones and may reduce the value of the estate.

But Morrissey warned this isn't cheap, as interest rolls up over time and must be repaid when you die or move into care. "If you live longer, you could end up paying more in interest than you save in tax. But if you pass away sooner, the gift could be brought back into your estate anyway."

There's also the temptation to simply "give" your home away while continuing to live in it.

That can backfire, as HMRC will still treat it as yours under the "gifting with reservation of benefit" rules and also potentially charge IHT.

Tax planning is complex, so consider professional financial advice.



PENSION-savers have been warned against splurging their 25% tax-free cash on holidays and home improvements, as it could leave them short in later life.

Many will have breathed a sigh of relief after Chancellor Rachel Reeves decided not to cap the amount of tax-free cash people can take from their pensions on retirement.

Pensioners can take 25% of their pot free of tax from age 55, up to a maximum of £268,275, with the remaining 75% subject to income tax.

But Marianna Hunt, associate director at Fidelity International, warned too many see this money as a bonus, and risk taking it too early and spending it quick.

After a lifetime of work and sensible pension saving, the option to take up to 25% of a pension pot tax-free can feel like a well-deserved reward. "The 'tax-free' label often encourages people to spend, spend, spend," Hunt said.

Just one in four intends to use their tax-free cash as a regular retirement income, with home improvements, holidays and buying a new car among the most popular uses. "However, depleting up to a quarter of your fund at the start of retirement can seriously impact your



HAVE FUN
But go easy on the spending

Be mindful over your tax-free pension pot

finances over the longer term," Hunt said.

Keeping tax-free cash invested until it is actually needed could help the money grow, making it more valuable. "This could be beneficial if funds are in higher-risk growth assets such as equities, rather than being deposited in a low-interest savings account," she

added. Taking money from a pension is a complex decision, and Hunt urged people to seek guidance.

Everyone aged 50 or over is entitled to a free Pension Wise session, yet only a third use it, despite nine out of 10 saying it left them better informed. Those with larger pots might consider paying for independent financial advice.

Crucial to make the right decisions when it comes to a divorce

DIVORCE is one of the biggest financial shocks people ever face, and the damage can continue far into retirement. New research from Interactive Investor shows that 66% of retired divorcees rely on the state pension as their main income, compared with 45% of married retirees.

Divorce can leave lasting scars, with just 25% expecting to have more than £100,000 in their pension by retirement, compared with 52% of married people.

Divorcees are also more likely to move home in later life, a step that can further erode wealth and increase costs.

Craig Rickman, personal finance expert at Interactive Investor, said divorce can cast a long financial shadow. "Getting back on the housing ladder or beefing up a pension can be tough, particularly for single parents."

Divorce can also limit people's ability to help family members, with the research showing that fewer divorcees make financial gifts to loved ones.

Rickman said too many fail to get a fair outcome during divorce negotiations. "It's a perfect storm because they are often under immense emotional and financial strain, but decisions could affect their finances for years to come."

He urged couples to talk openly about money, particularly when making big



decisions such as starting a family, buying a home or changing careers. "Then if you do split, you'll be in a stronger position to divide your assets fairly."

When separating, he warned not to overlook pensions, which can be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. "Too many couples focus on who keeps the house during a divorce, with pensions falling down the pecking order."

Failing to account for them can leave one partner short-changed. "A pension-sharing agreement, where the pension savings are divided up between the two of you, might be a fairer solution."

Even after a split, Rickman said rebuilding wealth is possible. "Investing just £50 each month could grow to £7,700 in 10 years, assuming 5% annual investment growth."



ENTERPRISE

Edited by MAISHA FROST

Cheeky Panda's house of bamboo



Turning bamboo into the new normal for household essentials is its mission and Cheeky Panda is well on the way with a business making a material difference. Now a high-volume producer of toilet rolls, tissues, wipes and sanitary pads, the British brand's core component is the fast growing grass that doesn't need replanting.

Hand harvested in China one pole at a time to maintain biodiversity, the majority is processed into paper there ahead of distribution in the UK while the fabric is sliced into wipes here.

Just as well the company is a die-hard disrupter as its competition is daunting: a £2billion sector dominated by corporate giants with synthetic, non-biodegradable ranges embedded with absorbent polymers, a close relation of plastic.

"We're replacing the disposable hygiene category with the renewable and tackling the single use problem head on. Our plastic-free sanitary pads prove bamboo can transform not just tissue," declare founders Julie Chen, Panda's chief executive, and husband Chris Forbes, the finance director, who, a decade after a home start up, now sell in 25 countries and are aiming for a £28million turnover in 2028.

With a domestic omnichannel model that includes Amazon and a growing distribution partnership with the NHS, Panda's notable success continues with the major supermarkets and retailers. Most recently it launched in Tesco and staged new product roll-outs with Morrisons.

Having seen the potential of bamboo when visiting China, the couple's professional experience in London's commodities sector gave them the confidence to develop an international operation. "We were used to moving products," explains Chen.

"In China we saw mountains of bamboo being underused while at the same time millions of trees being cut down. It made no sense not to use bamboo which is naturally stronger, softer and uses less water."

But vision isn't reality and arguably Panda's greatest achievement has been how it makes it happen on all fronts. That's from securing investment – some £10m to date – to establishing an international supply chain.

AI-driven marketing systems and smart tech innovation through integrated business management software have all played their part enabling the operation punch above its weight. The customer base, aged 25 to 50, has gone mainstream with families and the company has hotel, office and workplace clients while schools offer opportunities.

Expertise from an investor with fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) distribution expertise would be welcome in future and the company is keen to explore partnerships with strategic growth funds to accelerate expansion. Bans on the sale of wipes containing plastic are advancing across the UK. "We're going to keep leading the bamboo revolution," vows a chipper Chen. "We're as innovative behind the shelves as on them."

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Sidekick	Multi Shield	None	£10,000	4.23% A	Monthly

SHORT TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Marcus by Goldman Sachs®	Fixed Saver	1 Yr Bnd	£1	4.55% F	On maturity
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Shawbrook Bank	Fixed Bond - 119	1 Yr Bnd	£1,000	4.27% F	On maturity
OakNorth Bank	Fixed Savings	12 Mth Bnd	£1	4.26% F	On maturity

LONG TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Hampshire Trust Bank	Online Fixed Saver (45)	5 Yr Bnd	£1	4.27% F	Yearly
Chetwood Bank	Fixed Savings	5 Yr Bnd	£1,000	4.25% F	Yearly
StreamBank	Fixed Account - 1	5 Yr Bnd	£1,000	4.20% F	Yearly
Birmingham Bank	Fixed Bond - 33	5 Yr Bnd	£5,000	4.17% F	Yearly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
The Stafford BS	Notice 180	180 Day	£5,000	4.61%	Yearly
Earl Shilton BS	180 Day Notice Online	180 Day	£5,000	4.50%	Yearly
The Stafford BS	Notice 120	120 Day	£5,000	4.45%	Yearly
Oxbury Bank	Base Rate Tracker (2)	180 Day	£1,000	4.38%	Monthly

VARIABLE ISAs

Provider	Account	Term or Notice	Min	AER	Interest Paid
Plum	Plum Cash ISA	None	£1	4.32% A	Monthly
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HSBC	4.68%	to 28.2.28	95%	Nil	To 28.2.28
Leek Buiding Society	4.56%	to 31.3.31	95%	£995	To 31.3.31
HSBC	4.72%	to 28.2.31	95%	Nil	To 28.2.31

SHORT TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
Santander	3.55%	to 2.5.28	60%	£999	To 2.5.28
HSBC	4.19%	to 28.2.28	90%	Nil	To 28.2.28
Santander	3.79%	to 2.5.29	75%	£999	To 2.5.29
TSB	4.39%	to 28.2.29	90%	Nil	To 28.2.29

LONG TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Initial Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee	Redemption Charge
first direct	3.75%	for 5 years	60%	£490	1st 5 yrs
first direct	3.84%	for 5 years	75%	£490	1st 5 yrs
HSBC	4.19%	to 28.2.31	90%	£999	To 28.2.31
Nationwide BS	4.64%	for 10 years	80%	£999	1st 10 yrs

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Furness BS	4.54%	for 2 years	90%	£999	1st 2 yrs
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first direct	4.14% F	for 2 years	80%	£490	1st 2 yrs
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Nationwide BS	4.05% F	for 5 years	85%	£999	1st 5 yrs

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Provider	APR	Monthly Repayment	Total Amount Repayable
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M&S Bank	5.7%	£191.27	£11,476.20
Santander	5.9%	£192.15	£11,529.00

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EXPRESS UK PROPERTY

ON THE
HOME
FRONT

Edited by **DEBORAH STONE**

First-time help to hit home run

Property insiders continue to lobby for increased Government support for the industry to boost sales and support first-time buyers. Mortgage specialist Aldermore Bank, for instance, has campaigned for a stamp duty holiday on homes under £500,000.

However, there are already Government-backed schemes that new buyers should investigate. These include Shared Ownership, known as Co-Own in Northern Ireland, First Homes in England, Scotland's Low-cost Initiative for First Time Buyers (LIFT) and Homebuy Wales. Until September there's also Help to Buy Wales (gov.wales) on selected new-build homes up to £300,000.

Among those who have benefited from England's First Home Scheme are Ben Crompton, 27, and Charlotte Smith, 26, who used it to buy a three-bedroom house at Dandara's The Springs in Hambrook, West Sussex, for a significantly reduced price. The

scheme offers a 30-50% discount on the market value of new-build homes for both first-time buyers and key workers such as teachers, although other criteria may include having a combined salary that falls within a certain income bracket. The couple had to reserve a property before applying to Chichester County Council to join the scheme, so they put a deposit on a house as soon as building work began in October 2024.

"With Charlotte being a key worker and me having lived locally all my life, we believed we had a good chance for the application," says Ben. "We put down a £500 refundable deposit to secure the house and once approved, put a total of £31,250 down, so if the scheme fell through, we wouldn't lose out."

"It meant we could commit early on and have the peace of mind that we had a property reserved, while we completed the admin for the application."

The First Home Scheme discount is only on



HOUSE RULES
Ben Crompton and
Charlotte Smith

the first £250,000 of a property's value, so Ben and Charlotte own a percentage of their £402,500 home, with the rest of it owned by the council.

However this only becomes relevant if they need to sell up and move on.

The difference in Shared Ownership and First Homes is that Shared Ownership is where two parties own the property and the original buyers owe the second party a sub rent, as well as paying a mortgage.

"With the First Homes Scheme, the council acts as the second party but does not require rent," explains Ben, who says the First Home

Scheme has changed their lives. "We wouldn't be able to afford the house we've got without the scheme," he admits.

Dandara is now selling its final homes at The Springs, with a selection of two and three bedroom homes starting from £400,000 (01243 684793; dandara.com) – although none are First Home Scheme houses.

However they should be available at many new-build developments, including other Dandara sites and the Government has pledged that 10,000 homes will be added to the scheme each year.

Find more information at gov.uk.

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TODAY'S TV ONES TO WATCH

by **MIKE WARD** TV critic

Pick of the day
DIGGING FOR BRITAIN
BBC2, 9PM



ROBSON GREEN'S WEEKEND ESCAPES, BBC2, 6.30PM

IF you're a fan of Robson's other big show, the thoroughly plausible ITV crime drama Grantchester (continuing tonight at 9pm, ITV1), in which the local vicar helps him nab villains (not just the current vicar, but all the previous ones: it's uncanny), then you'll enjoy seeing him and his co-star Rishi Nair off duty here, letting their hair down.

And Robson can't wait to reveal the riotous fun he's lined up for them to share.

"Ever foraged for your food?" he asks Rishi.

"Ever stayed in a Mongolian yurt..?"



LANDSCAPE ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2026, SKY ARTS, 8PM

HEAT two is set in St James's Park in London, overlooked by Buckingham Palace. "You have four hours to paint this world-famous view," presenter Stephen Mangan tells the artists.

Any contestants who've misread the invitation and gone along instead to St James' Park in Newcastle, the home of Newcastle United FC, will also of course have a world-famous view to paint, but I'm not sure it'll be allowed.

Still, they'll be there in time for kick-off against PSV Eindhoven, so I doubt they'll give two hoots.



SHARP MINDS Alice Roberts, right, eyes up ancient swords with experts Duncan Sayer and Gemma Sweeney

FUNNY BONE FIND A BIT OF A BLOW

WHATEVER happened to that show where Hugh Dennis dug up people's gardens? I hope they haven't cancelled it. Admittedly, I probably watched it twice, if not less, so I guess I can't complain if they have.

No more than I can complain when one of our local shops closes down and I remark on how sad that makes me, forgetting I only shopped there once and I spent about 48p.

But the episodes I did see of Hugh's thing were definitely fun. They were also full of surprises, as you'd expect from a decent archaeology show (which is what it was, by the way, in case you think I've been talking about Gardeners' World). We still have

Digging For Britain, though – which continues to deliver in that regard. Each week, Prof Alice Roberts pootles up and down the country, checking in on teams of folk in high-vis vests and hard hats, crawling around in the soil, hoping to unearth treasure: some ancient pottery, perhaps, or coins from thousands of years ago, or primitive weaponry or, if their luck is really in, an original first-generation iPhone, dropped by one of Tony Robinson's Time Team when they dug there in 2007.

Tonight, Alice visits digs in the south of England. One is at the site of an old shipyard in the New Forest, birthplace of dozens of vessels including HMS Agamemnon, Lord Nelson's favourite (who knew?). Another is at

Stowting, in Kent, where they keep unearthing Anglo-Saxon swords. But surely the most intriguing is in the Cotswolds town of Broadway, where they've found a late-Roman cemetery, full of late Romans. Instead of doing what I'd do, which is go: "Ugh, this is creepy. I'm off," they've stuck around and dug up oodles of dead-Roman bits and bobs.

They've also found a flute made from a sheep's metatarsal. Since it's broken, they ask an expert to make a replica, by boiling a bone, stripping off the meat, then drilling holes in what's left. That way, they get to hear how this instrument sounds when intact.

Fancy trying that at home? I wouldn't if I were you. It's a right old faff and it turns out it sounds blinking dreadful.



BEST COMEDY

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?, BBC1, 9.30PM

Neha wants to put a stop to the fraud, which leads to an argument between her and Debbie over whether to return the insurance cash, with Harry and William caught in the crossfire.



BEST DRAMA

PATIENCE, C4, 9PM

There's more to the death of a renowned Viking expert, just as he's about to deliver a controversial speech, when Patience finds a strange coded message in his work.



BEST PROPERTY

KIRSTIE AND PHIL'S LOVE IT OR LIST IT, C4, 8PM

The duo head to Brampton in Cambridgeshire to help soon-to-be empty nesters Richard and Bridget with their boxy 1990s home. Now retired, Richard is itching for a fresh start.



BEST FILM

THE ROAD DANCE, BBC2, 11.30PM

On the Isle of Lewis in 1916, Kirsty dreams of a future with her partner Murdo. However, the First World War dramatically alters the direction of their lives in this powerful drama.

TODAY'S PREVIEWS ARE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

FILM RATINGS

★★★★★
BRILLIANT

★★★★
VERY GOOD

★★★
GOOD

★★
AVERAGE

★
BAD

(R) REPEAT

ALL PROGRAMMES ARE LISTED IN GREENWICH MEAN TIME (GMT).

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.

9.30 Morning Live Magazine.

10.45 Rip Off Britain

11.30 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Felixstowe, Willenhall and Toxteth. (R)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt (R)

1.00 BBC News at One; Weather

2.00 Lost and Found in the Lakes The scuba team search for a son's precious last gift from his late father.

2.30 Animal Park Hopes grow that a cheetah might be pregnant.

3.00 Escape to the Country Jules Hudson helps a buyer find a new home in North Wales. (R)

3.45 Garden Rescue The team create a gothic-inspired garden in Southampton. (R)

4.30 The Travelling Auctioneers A couple try to raise the funds to attend a birthday in the US.

5.15 Pointless Alexander Armstrong is joined by guest co-host Lauren Laverne. (R)

6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather

6.30 Regional News; Weather

6.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Conservative Party. (R)

BBC Two

6.30am The Travelling Auctioneers Helping people declutter and downsize. (R)

7.15 Escape to the Country Richie Anderson helps a retiree from Lincolnshire find a Devonshire home. (R)

8.00 Sign Zone: Rick Stein's Australia Rick motors up the NSW North Coast. (R)

9.00 BBC News Headlines.

11.15 Politics Live The latest stories from Westminster.

1.00pm LIVE Bowls: World Indoor Championships Coverage from Potters Resorts at Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk, featuring a last-16 match in the open singles and a ladies' singles semi-final.

5.15 Flog It! From Haddon Hall in Derbyshire. (R)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Nadia Jae, Tamzin Outhwaite, Nigel Planer and Steen Raskopoulos test their general knowledge skills.

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes Robson and fellow Grantchester actor Rishi Nair visit Northumberland.

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.

9.30 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.

10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.

12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.

1.30 ITV News; Weather

1.55 Regional News; Weather

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the dealers are in Burton upon Trent.

3.00 Time Is Money Quiz show, hosted by Sara Davies.

3.59 Regional Weather

4.00 Deal or No Deal Mark tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order.

5.00 The Chase Matt, Jodie, Jack and Trish take part.

6.00 Regional News; Weather

6.25 Party Political Broadcast By the Conservative Party.

6.30 ITV Evening News The latest headlines; Weather

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Triple bill. (R)

7.50 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the comedy. (R)

9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)

11.10 American Pickers Frank Fritz goes nuts for a century-old snack icon. (R)

12.05pm Channel 4 News

12.10 Car S.O.S Tim Shaw and Fuzz Townshend rescue a 1989 Peugeot 205 GTi. (R)

1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Items in Wiltshire include a table football game and a model Citroen van. (R)

2.10 Countdown Broadcaster Jo Good is in Dictionary Corner.

3.00 A Place in the Sun Couple Lisa and Rob search for a new home in Charente, France. (R)

4.00 A New Life in the Sun Sharon and Bongo's Spanish yoga platform leaves their guests hot and bothered.

5.00 Junior Bake Off The bakers make the ultimate shareable party food.

6.00 A Place in the Sun Jean Johansson helps a man find a place on the Costa Blanca.

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6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.

9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.

11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, with Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran.

12.45pm 5 News at Lunchtime

12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money.

2.00 Vanessa Discussion show, presented by Vanessa Feltz.

3.00 The Madame Blanc Mysteries Jean investigates the suspicious death of a marine biologist. (R)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Caravan sales queen Bambi organises a beach-themed birthday bash.

5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.

6.00 The Travel Show: How to Have a Great Holiday Georgie Barrat shows off a few travel gadgets, including camera-sunglasses. Jane McDonald goes shopping in Marrakech and Nick Knowles hops on a train through Malaysia. (R); 5 News Update



7.30pm, **EASTENDERS:** Nicola and George



9pm, **DIGGING FOR BRITAIN:** Alice Roberts



8.30pm, **CORONATION STREET:** Tyrone and Carl



9pm, **PATIENCE:** Nathan Welsh, Ella Maisy Purvis & Jessica Hynes



8pm, **CASUALTY 24/7: EVERY SECOND COUNTS:** Chantelle

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7.00 The One Show With Clara Amfo and Alex Jones.

7.30 EastEnders George is disappointed when his offer on Walford East is refused, and Sam tries to talk Phil out of taking Nigel to Portugal. Ian decides to fight fire with fire.

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8.00 The Traitors As the players enter the final quarter of the game, breakfast reveals a move no one saw coming. The mission puts everyone's heads in a spin, leaving them to gather their thoughts as they take on a round table like no other.

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9.00 The Traitors: Uncloaked Celebrity faithful Kate Garraway gives her thoughts on the latest episode.

9.30 Can You Keep a Secret? Neha wants to end the fraud – but Debbie would rather stop the blackmailer.

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10.00 BBC News at Ten

10.30 Regional News; Weather

10.40 MOTD: UEFA Champions League Highlights of the latest league phase matches, including Marseille v Liverpool at Orange Velodrome and Inter Milan v Arsenal at the San Siro. Liverpool were looking to build on their 1-0 away win at Inter in their last match in the competition, where Arsenal visited in the hope of maintaining their 100 per cent record in this season's tournament.

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7.00 Winterwatch Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Iolo Williams observe secretive badgers emerging after dusk and elusive pine martens, who have been reclaiming their place in Northern Ireland's woodlands.

8.00 A House Through Time: Two Cities at War A young poet takes to the skies as bombs rain down on London. In Berlin, one family attempts to flee the country as the persecution of Jewish people intensifies. (R)

9.00 Digging for Britain Featuring an 18th-century slipway in the New Forest where Admiral Nelson's favourite ship was built, and an Anglo-Saxon cemetery where a host of well-preserved and rare objects have been found.

10.00 One Foot in the Grave Victor clashes with a pesky plumber whose penchant for morbid practical jokes would try the patience of a saint. (R)

10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events, with Victoria Derbyshire; Weather

11.00 NEW Unspun World with John Simpson News stories.

11.30 FILM The Road Dance (2021, 15) The life of a woman in the Outer Hebrides takes a dramatic turn when a tragedy befalls her. Period drama, with Hermione Corfield. ★★★★★

1.25am Sign Zone: Mystery Road: Origin. Jay refuses to write off a suspicious death, while Mary does some sleuthing of her own. Drama, starring Mark Coles Smith. (R)

2.20 Sign Zone: Inside the Factory (R)

3.20 Sign Zone: The Traitors (R)

4.20-6.30am This Is BBC Two

7.30 NEW Deal or No Deal: Banker's Best Battles Stephen Mulhern hosts a look back at some of the most fearsome battles between hopeful players and the cruel Banker. This time he revisits Craig and Dori's games.

8.00 Emmerdale A despairing Marlon is convinced that Ray has April and is left determined to get answers.

8.30 Coronation Street Tyrone furiously demands the truth from Carl and Carla fails to respond to Lisa's invitation.

9.00 Grantchester Alphy and Georgie investigate witchcraft at a founding home, run by an old friend of Kottaram's. When a body is found, Alphy struggles to consider his friend as a suspect. Drama, starring Robson Green and Rishi Nair.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather

10.30 Regional News The latest headline stories; Weather

10.45 Peston Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, topical guests and cultural figures.

11.40 Sorry, I Didn't Know Chizzy Akudolu takes over as host of the panel show, with Stephen Bailey, Ola Labib, Dinesh Nathan and Susan Wokoma joining captains Richard Blackwood and Eddie Kadi. (R)

12.00m't Shop on TV **3.00 Killer in the House:** The Murder of Nicholas Billingham. A look at the case of primary school teacher Fiona Beal, who killed her partner Nicholas Billingham and claimed that he had left her for another woman. (R) **3.50 Unwind** with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Deal or No Deal (R)

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Brompton in Cambridgeshire to help Richard and Bridget decide what to do about their dated and boxy 1990s four-bedroom home.

9.00 Patience A Viking expert drops dead just as he is about to deliver a speech – and Patience finds a coded message in his work suggesting there is more to his demise than meets the eye. Continues tomorrow.

10.00 Social Media Monsters The story of TikTok star Ali Abulaban, whose fame masked an abusive relationship with his wife. She moved out for her own safety, but his jealousy proved deadly. Last in series.

11.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share their opinions on shows including Married at First Sight Australia, Wheel of Fortune, The Americas, Fear, Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip and Help! My House Is Haunted. (R)

12.05am Rescue: Extreme Medics (R) **1.00 FILM** Downhill (2020, 15) Comedy. ★★★★★ **2.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R) **3.15** The Great Pottery Throw Down (R) **4.20** Food Unwrapped's Caribbean Adventure (R) **4.50** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

7.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors Fly-on-the-wall documentary. Damian has an unsightly lump on his eye, worried mum Lorena fears daughter Emma has sleep apnoea and Peter is struggling with unbearable pain. (R); 5 News Update

8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts Paramedics take a 53-year-old man, who collapsed at home following multiple seizures, to resus. Advanced clinical practitioner Chantelle must uncover what is causing them.

9.00 Surgeons: A Matter of Life or Death Surgeons operate on Alfie, who has a rare tumour which is growing at speed into his nose and cheek, and Elizabeth, whose kidneys have grown to the size of giant watermelons.

10.30 Ambulance: Code Red Documentary series. A man suffers repeated cardiac arrests as medics fight to save him, while paramedics rush to treat another man severely burned by a gas canister explosion on a bonfire. (R)

11.35 Skin A&E New dermatologist Dr Magnus Lynch joins the team, starting out by treating a large jawline cyst. Thirty-one-year-old Scott comes to see Dr Adil Sheraz for help with his hands that are covered with infectious warts. (R)

12.35am Car Pound Cops (R) **1.00 PlayOJO Live Casino Show** **3.00 Rich House, Poor House** (R) **3.45** Save Money on Your Supermarket Shop (R) **4.35** The Highland Vet (R) **5.25** Entertainment News on 5 **5.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom (R) **5.45-6.00am** Milo (R)

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MIDNIGHT

ITV2 FREEVIEW 6

6.00am CITV **7.30** Celebrity Dinner Date
8.30 Olivia Meets Her Match **9.25** The Only Way Is Essex **10.25** The Real Housewives of Miami **11.20** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **12.15pm** Dinner Date **1.15** Celebrity Dinner Date **2.15** The Only Way Is Essex **3.15** The Real Housewives of Orange County **4.05** The Real Housewives of Miami **5.00** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase**
7.00 **Wheel of Fortune** John, Jess and Paris try to win a potential £50,000.
8.00 **The Real Housewives of Orange County** Shannon hosts a tea party.
9.00 **Love Island: All Stars** Famous former Islanders get another shot at finding love.
10.05 **Grosse Pointe Garden Society**
11.05 **Family Guy** Double bill.
12.05am **American Dad!** **1.05** Bob's Burgers **1.35** Olivia Attwood's Bad Boyfriends **2.35** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&Dave FREEVIEW 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Gordon's Great Escape **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs **11.00** Rick Stein's India **12.00noon** Bangers & Cash **2.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British

6.00 **Rick Stein's India** The chef has an audience with the Dalai Lama.
7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** Comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon.
7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill. With Hannah Cockroft and Rhys Stephenson; with Rob Deering, Katya Jones and Phil Tufnell.
9.00 **QI XL** With Rob Beckett, Daliso Chaponda, Lara Ricote and Alan Davies.
10.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You**
11.00 **Taskmaster** Aisling Bea leaps cushions in the series five final.
12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? at Christmas **1.20** Would I Lie to You? **2.00-4.00am** Not Going Out

E4 FREEVIEW 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Junior Bake Off **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Modern Family **11.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00pm** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00** The Simpsons **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

6.00 **The Simpsons** Double bill.
7.00 **Hollyoaks** Friends lift Donny's spirits.
7.30 **The Simpsons** Romance blossoms between Krusty and his new co-star.
8.00 **Inside the World's Most Luxurious Cruises** Behind-the-scenes on board luxurious cruise ships.
9.00 **Gogglebox** Double bill.
11.05 **Open House: The Great Sex Experiment** Chelsea and George seek out a threesome with a woman.
12.15am **Naked Attraction** **1.20** Gogglebox **3.10** Inside the World's Most Luxurious Cruises **4.05** The Goldbergs **4.55-6.00am** Don't Tell the Bride

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian; Weather **6.00-6.25** ITV News Meridian; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian; Weather

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central; Weather **6.00-6.25** ITV News Central; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central; Weather

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **6.00** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **6.25-6.30** Party Political Broadcast **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather

WEST As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.25** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country; Weather

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.25** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia; Weather

ITVQuiz FREEVIEW 28

9.00am Deal or No Deal **10.00** Tipping Point **1.00pm** Lingo **2.00** Tenable **3.00** In with a Shout **4.00** Riddiculous. Quiz, hosted by Ranvir Singh. **5.00** Deal or No Deal. Stephen Mulhern hosts as a contestant tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order, taking on the Banker.

6.00 **Lingo** Triple bill. Angie and Kirsty, Ben and Paul and Jan and Gillian compete; Tracey and Susie, Jess and James and Ross and John compete; Kevin and Ian, Bailey and Jo, and Kevin and Karen compete.

9.00 **Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow** The comedian hosts an updated version of Child's Play, as four hopeful contestants must try to decipher what words are being described by a cast of children – with a £20,000 jackpot at stake if they can get on the kids' wavelength.

10.00 **Tipping Point** Triple bill.
12.50am Tenable **1.45** Unwind with ITV **2.00-9.00am** Teleshopping

U&Drama FREEVIEW 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.00** One Foot in the Grave **7.45** Doctors **9.00** Classic Holby City **10.00** Classic Casualty **11.15** The Bill **12.55pm** Classic EastEnders **2.05** All Creatures Great and Small **3.05** Howards' Way **4.15** Bergerac **5.20** One Foot in the Grave. Victor takes up fishing.

6.00 **To the Manor Born** Comedy.
6.40 **Last of the Summer Wine** Double bill.
8.00 **Darby and Joan** After a scuba dive goes horribly wrong, Joan's first Australian Christmas is put on hold.
9.00 **Sister Boniface Mysteries** A member of a band is found dead from a bee sting.
10.00 **New Tricks** The detectives meet their new boss, DCI Sasha Miller, who wastes no time getting on with her first case – the ritualistic killing of an Italian immigrant.
11.20 **Waking the Dead** Human remains are found in an urban canal.
12.40am Hotel Portofino. Drama.
1.55 The Brokenwood Mysteries **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

More4 FREEVIEW 18

8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.25** A Place in the Sun **11.30** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **2.10pm** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** A Place in the Sun **5.55** Car S.O.S

6.55 **Car S.O.S** Tim and Fuzz take on a 1993 Toyota Supra Mk4 owned by a former motorcycle racer.
7.55 **The Dog House** Kiya chooses a new furry friend out of a litter of three tiny cockapoos, while overexcited Yorkie Bam Bam needs to chill out if he is going to go home with Londoner Hannah.

9.00 **George Clarke's Building Home** Daniel, Laura and son Archie take on the task of transforming an old beach house on the Essex island of Mersea into their dream home with a budget of £50,000.

10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill.
12.10am 999: On the Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E. Documentary.
2.20 George Clarke's Building Home **3.25-3.55am** Food Unwrapped

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.25** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country; Weather

S4C **6.00am** Cyw **11.00** Dysgu Gyda Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cymry ar Gynfas **12.30** Heno **1.00** Cartrefi Cymru **1.30** Gwlad y Basg; Gwilym Bowen Rhys **2.00** Newyddion **2.05** Prynhawyn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Pridodas Pum Mil **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Cymry ar Gynfas **6.25** Darllediad Gwleidyddol **6.30** Rownd a Rownd **6.57** Newyddion **7.00** Heno. Nightly magazine programme. **7.30** Newyddion **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. Brynmor realises he has no choice but to accept Garry's terms. An unexpected villager offers to help Siwsi. **8.25** Y Deis. With competitors from Bangor, Aberteifi, Denbigh, Dinas Mawddwy and Dolgellau. **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Dal y Mellt. Mici's marital problems continue and Meri does her best to help. **10.00** Llund Bol O Japan. Fire chef Chris 'Flamebaster' Roberts lands in Japan, ready to set his tastebuds ablaze. **11.00-11.35pm** Rhys Patchell: Japan a'r Gic Olaf

BBC3 FREEVIEW 23

7.00pm **The Catch Up** News reports.

7.05 **SpongeBob SquarePants**
7.30 **Top Gear** Double bill. Older hot hatches are put to the test. Hugh Bonneville drives the Reasonably Priced Car; Tom Hiddleston drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.30 **FILM Miami Vice** (2006, 15) Two undercover narcotics detectives pose as smugglers to infiltrate a powerful drug cartel. Crime thriller based on the 1980s TV series, with Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx. ★★★

11.35 **Things You Should Have Done** When the family faces another unexpected bereavement, Chi returns to her list and opts to get therapy. Bridget Christie joins the cast as a tough-love grief counsellor.

12.05am **Things You Should Have Done** **1.05** The Beauty Queen and the Catfish **1.50** Top Gear **3.50-4.00am** Press X on the BBC

BBC4 FREEVIEW 9

7.00pm **Great British Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo's railway journey reaches Greater Manchester.
7.30 **Wainwright Walks** Julia Bradbury explores the history of Catbells fell.

8.00 **The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves** Exploration of the mysterious region.

9.00 **Victoria: A Royal Love Story** Documentary exploring the monarch's love for her husband Prince Albert.

10.00 **Smiley's People** Double bill. Spy thriller, starring Alec Guinness. Smiley is called out of retirement; George finds the negative of a compromising photograph.

12.00m't Sleuths, Spies & Sorcerers: Andrew Marr's Paperback Heroes **1.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.30** Wainwright Walks **2.00** Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes **3.00-4.00am** The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves

GB News FREEVIEW 236

6.00am Breakfast with Eamonn and Ellie **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** PMQs Live **1.00** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney

6.00 **Dewbs & Co** Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

7.00 **Farage** An action-packed hour of topical discussion and debate.

8.00 **Jacob Rees-Mogg's State Of The Nation** Join Jacob for his unique and unmissable take on the news.

9.00 **Patrick Christys Tonight Replay** Join Patrick for two hours of debate and news making interviews. Top guests tackle the issues that matter, with a sharp take on every story.

11.00 **Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition** Debate and news.

12.00m't The Late Show Live **2.00** Farage Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News. Round-up of the sports news. **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast
7.30 **LIVE** **ICC Under-19s World Cup Cricket** England v Scotland. Coverage of the Group C match at Takashinga Sports Club in Harare.
3.00pm Sports Desk. Featuring live analysis.
3.30 **LIVE** **SA20** The Qualifier 1 play-off match.
7.00 Gillette Labs Soccer Special. Goal alerts.
7.30 **LIVE** **EFL** Stoke City v Middlesbrough (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage from bet365 Stadium.
10.30 Back Pages Tonight **11.00** Sky Sports News
4.00-6.00am **LIVE** **DP World Tour Golf** The Hero Dubai Desert Classic. Coverage of the featured groups on day one of the tournament from Emirates Golf Club in the United Arab Emirates.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Big Bash League. Brisbane Heat v Sydney Sixers. **7.00** Best of England v South Africa **7.15** Best of ICC WT20 **7.30** Big Bash League
8.25 **LIVE** **Big Bash League** Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars. Coverage of the Knockout play-off match at Bellerive Oval, Hobart.
11.45 Best of ICC WT20 **12.00noon** Big Bash League **1.00** SA20 **2.00** Big Bash League **3.00** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket. At Lord's in 2017. **3.10** Best of Sky Cricket. Highlights.
3.20 **LIVE** **SA20** The Qualifier 1 play-off match.
7.00 Big Bash League **8.00** SA20 **12.00m't** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.00** SA20 **2.00** Big Bash League **5.20** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket **5.30** Best of England v South Africa **5.45-6.00am** Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL Cup Retro **8.00** 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **9.30** Championship Season Review **11.00** Best Goals: Efl Cup 23/24 **11.30** EFL Trophy Football **12.00noon** EFL **2.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **3.00** EFL Highlights **3.30** EFL League One Goals **4.00** EFL League Two Goals **4.30** EFL Highlights
7.30 **LIVE** **EFL** Stoke City v Middlesbrough (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage from bet365 Stadium.
10.30 EFL Highlights **10.45** EFL Highlights **11.00** EFL Highlights **11.30** EFL Greatest Games
12.00m't Championship Retro **2.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup Final 17 **5.00-6.00am** SPFL Special: Celtic's Invincibles

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6.00am US Women's Open Golf **11.00** TGL **1.00pm** LPGA Tour Golf **4.00** TGL
6.00 PGA Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **7.30** Beyond the Scorecard **8.00** PGA Tour Champions **9.00** TGL **11.00** You Can Play Golf **11.30** DP World Tour Golf **1.30am** PGA Tour Golf **3.30** PGA Tour: The Cut
4.00-6.00am **LIVE** **DP World Tour Golf** The Hero Dubai Desert Classic. Coverage of the featured groups on day one of the tournament from Emirates Golf Club in the United Arab Emirates.

TNT SPORTS 1

7.00am **LIVE** **Australian Open** Day four of the opening Grand Slam event of the year, featuring second-round matches at Melbourne Park.
1.15pm **LIVE** **International T20 Cricket** India v New Zealand. The first match of the five-game series, at Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium.
5.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload. The third one-day international between India and New Zealand. **5.30** Serie A – Full Impact **6.00** TNT Sports Reload **6.30** Match Officials Mic'd Up
7.00 **LIVE** **UEFA Champions League** Marseille v Liverpool (kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the matchday seven fixture at Orange Velodrome.
10.30 UEFA Champions League Goals Show Xtra
11.00 Australian Open. Highlights from day four.
12.30-7.00am **LIVE** **Australian Open** Day five of the Grand Slam event of the year, featuring second-round matches at Melbourne Park.

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am UEFA Champions League Highlights Show **7.00** Premier League Review
8.00 **LIVE** **A-League Women** Newcastle Jets Women v Adelaide United Women (kick-off 8.00am). Coverage of the match from No. 2 Sportsground in Newcastle, Australia.
10.00 Isuzu UTE A-League Highlights **10.30** One Day International Cricket **11.30** UEFA Champions League **3.30pm** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **4.00** Longines FEI Jumping World Cup **5.00** Discovery Golf **5.30** Australian Open
7.00 **LIVE** **UEFA Champions League** Newcastle United v PSV Eindhoven (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the league phase match from St. James' Park. The Magpies find themselves in 12th place in the 36-team league table and will be desperate for a win here to give themselves some chance of finishing in the top eight.
10.30 UEFA Champions League Goals Show Xtra **11.00** Premier League Review **12.00m't** UEFA Champions League **4.30** Isuzu UTE A-League Highlights **5.00** Serie A – Full Impact **5.30-6.00am** The WRC Magazine

BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

7.35-9.45pm **LIVE** **EFL** Southampton v Sheffield United (kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the action from the Championship match which takes place at St Mary's Stadium. (Sky Sports +)

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3

Freeview 10

6.00am Never the Twain **6.35** On the Buses **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Inspector Morse **11.20** Heartbeat **1.25pm** Foyle's War **3.30** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Grace **10.00** Foyle's War **11.55** Trial & Retribution **1.55-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

ITV4

Freeview 26

6.00am The Big Match Revisited **8.05** Magnum, PI **9.05** Kojak **10.10** Boon **11.20** The Professionals **12.20pm** Robin of Sherwood **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.35** Kojak **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Sweeney **5.55** Minder **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Junk & Disorderly **9.00** **FILM** Goldfinger (1964/PG) James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery and Gert Frobe. **★★★** **11.20** English Football League Highlights **12.20am** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **2.10** The Protectors **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30-4.00am** Auto Mundial

5STAR

Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00noon** Traffic Cops: Under Attack **1.00** Traffic Cops **2.00** Police Interceptors **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** Fare Dodgers: At War with the Law **8.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **9.00** **FILM** The Dark Tower (2017/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Idris Elba. **★★** **10.55** Adults Only: Escort Next Door **12.00m't** Adults Only: Meet the Sex Slaves **1.00** Police Interceptors **2.00** VC Andrews' Heaven **3.30** Car Pound Cops **3.55-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

REALLY

Freeview 44

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00noon** Antiques Road Trip **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **4.00** Long Lost Family **5.00** A Place in the Sun **6.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Fixer to Fabulous **10.00** Home Town **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **2.00am** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

SACTION

Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 **9.10** Winter Road Rescue **9.40** Police Interceptors **11.45** **FILM** A Man Alone (1955/U) **★★★** **1.45** **FILM** Beyond the Law (1968/12) **★★★** **4.00** The Motorway **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **8.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **9.00** Traffic Cops **10.00** Behind Bars: World's Toughest Prisons **11.00** Banged Up Abroad **12.00m't** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **2.00-4.00am** Trucking Hell

SKY ARTS

Freeview 36

6.00am Classic FM Live: 25th Anniversary Concert **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** The Directors **12.00noon** Discovering: Michelle Yeoh **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The Art of the Garden **3.00** Skinner & Mina's Literary Road Trip: Pope & Swift **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering:



Live UEFA Champions League
TNT Sports 1, 7pm
Hugo Ekitike (left) Liverpool have their eyes on a place in the top eight. Their opponents tonight are Marseille, who have already beaten Newcastle this season.

Kevin Bacon **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2026 **9.00** Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show **11.00** **FILM** Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story (2024/12) **★★** **1.00am** Wuthering Heights: Love, Hate and Vengeance **2.15** A Sudden Glimpse to Deeper Things **4.00** Lenny Henry's Got the Blues **5.00-6.00am** National Treasures: The Art of Collecting

U&GOLD

7.35am Ever Decreasing Circles **8.10** The Green Green Grass **8.50** Dad's Army **9.30** Are You Being Served? **10.05** Open All Hours **10.45** Keeping Up Appearances **11.25** Last of the Summer Wine **12.45pm** The Green Green Grass **1.25** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** Dad's Army **2.40** Are You Being Served? **3.20** Open All Hours **4.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.40** Last of the Summer Wine **6.00** Fawlty Towers **6.40** Open All Hours **7.20** Dad's Army: The Lost Episodes **8.00** Fawlty Towers **9.30** The Thin Blue Line **10.05** Men Behaving Badly **10.35** Fawlty Towers **12.10am** The Thin Blue Line **12.50** Men Behaving Badly **1.20** Fawlty Towers **2.40** The Thin Blue Line **3.25-4.00am** Men Behaving Badly

U&YESTERDAY

Freeview 27

6.10am Great British Railway Journeys **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Great Canal Journeys **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** Mega Metro **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00am** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt

U&ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Father Brown **7.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **8.00** Death in Paradise **11.00** Father Brown **12.00m't** So Help Me Todd **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** SEAL Team **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.05** S.W.A.T

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.33** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home with Katie and Jerry **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop with Jodie Bryant **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems with Matt and Mollie **5.00-6.58am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Tina Daeley **2.00** Trevor Nelson **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whaley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whaley **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Sounds of the 90s with Fearné Cotton **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **3.00** Choral Evensong **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: Stories from the Museum of Music History **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE

Cloning Rex
Radio 4, 3.30pm

Jack has been Ben Garrod's constant companion and friend for 10 years. But Jack is getting old, and as Ben begins to confront the reality of his dog's ageing, he investigates UK's first commercial pet cloning service. In theory, a clone would look the same as Jack, but would it really be him?

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** More or Less **9.30** Putin and the Apartment Bombs **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** File on 4 Investigates **11.40** This Week in History **11.45** The Trust Shift **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** US Foreign Policy in Five Doctrines **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Faith, Hope and Glory **3.00** Money Box **3.30** Cloning Jack **4.00** When It Hits the Fan **4.15** The Media Show **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Why in the Name of Pierre Novellie **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** AntiSocial **8.45** Magic Consultants **9.00** Ransom Man **9.30** Inside Health **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: The Memory Police **11.00** Doctors on Hold **11.15** The Skewer **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** The Trust Shift **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.00** News

4.10 NCIS: Los Angeles **5.15** SEAL Team **6.15** Stargate SG-1 **8.15** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **9.00** **FILM** No Escape (2015/15) An American family relocates to an Asian nation, but faces a battle for survival when a revolution sweeps the country. Action thriller, with Owen Wilson and Pierce Brosnan. **★★★** **11.00** Fear the Walking Dead **12.00m't** The Force: North East **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** S.W.A.T **4.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Urban Secrets **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Boardwalk Empire **10.10** The Sopranos **12.20pm** Game of Thrones **2.30** The Wire **4.40** Westworld **5.45** Deadwood **6.50** Game of Thrones **9.00** Mare of Easttown **10.05** Heated Rivalry **12.05am** Deadwood **1.10** The Sopranos **2.20** Game of Thrones **4.30** In Treatment **5.00-6.00am** Fish Town

SKY FITNESS

6.00am UK Border Force **7.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Send in the Dogs **10.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **11.00** A1: Britain's Longest Road **12.00noon** FBI **1.00** The Rookie **3.00** Stop, Search, Seize **4.00** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Police 24/7 **8.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Detective drama. **9.00** Matlock **10.00** Doc **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **3.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Send in the Dogs

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** Ballers **10.15** Sex and the City **11.25** Entourage **12.30pm** Will & Grace **1.30** Sex and the City **2.40** Ballers **3.50** And Just Like That **4.45** The Office (US) **5.45** Will & Grace **6.45** Community **7.45** Sex and the City **9.00** Alex Edelman: Just for Us **10.35** And Just Like That **11.30** Community **12.30am** Entourage **1.40** Ballers **3.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.20-5.00am** Silicon Valley

DISCOVERY

6.00am How Do They Do It? **7.00** Junkyard Empire **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Diesel Brothers **1.00pm** Deadliest Catch **3.00** How Do They Do It? **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Mud Madness **10.00** Kindig Customs **11.00** Expedition Unknown **12.00m't** Deadliest Catch **1.00** Mud Madness **2.00** Kindig Customs **3.00** Gold Divers **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Britain's Greatest Machines with Chris Barrie **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report **10.00** Seconds from Disaster **11.00** WW2: Hell Under the Sea **12.00noon** World War II: Secrets from Above **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand: Medal of Honor **4.00** Egypt's Sunken City: Drain the Oceans **5.00** Ice Road Rescue **6.00** Nazi Megastructures **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Pole to Pole with Will Smith **9.00** Hitler's Last Stand **10.00** Nazi Death Camp: The Great Escape **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Car S.O.S **1.00** Toronto Airport Uncovered **2.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.30** Money Meltdown **3.20** Food Factory **4.10** When Sharks Attack **5.00-5.30am** Teleshopping

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Man in the Saddle (1951/U) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **★★★**
12.45pm This Gun for Hire (1942/PG) Thriller, with Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake. **★★★★**
2.25 Anzio (1968/PG) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. **★★**
4.45 Gunman's Walk (1958/PG) Western, starring Van Heflin and Tab Hunter. **★★★**
6.45 The Eagle (2011/12) Action adventure, with Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell. **★★★**
9.00 Polite Society (2023/12) Premiere. Desperate to save her sister from her impending marriage, a budding martial artist plans a daring wedding heist. Action comedy, starring Priya Kansara. **★★★★**
11.05 xXx (2002/12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel and Asia Argento. **★★★★**
1.35-3.45am xXx: The Next Level (2005/12) Action sequel, starring Ice Cube. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.05am Smurfs (2025/PG) See 4.30pm. **★★★**
7.45 A Minecraft Movie (2025/PG) See 6.15pm. **★★★★**
9.30 Nuremberg (2025/15) See 8.00pm. **★★★★**
12.00noon Sinners (2025/15) See 10.30pm. **★★★★**
2.30pm 28 Years Later (2025/15) Horror, starring Jodie Comer. **★★★★**
4.30 Smurfs (2025/PG) Fantasy comedy, featuring the voice of Rihanna. **★★★**
6.15 A Minecraft Movie (2025/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Jason Momoa. **★★★★**
8.00 Nuremberg (2025/15) A US Army psychiatrist is sent to assess high-ranking Nazi prisoners to decide if they are fit for trial. Thriller, starring Russell Crowe. **★★★★**
10.30 Sinners (2025/15) Horror thriller, starring Michael B Jordan. **★★★★**
12.50am The Ballad of Wallis Island (2025/12) Comedy, starring Tim Key. **★★★★**
2.40 Beast of War (2025/15) Thriller, starring Mark Coles Smith and Joel Nankervis. **★★**
4.20-6.30am Cookster: The Darkest Days (2024/15) Drama, starring Nick Moran. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.25pm Quartet (2012/12) Comedy, starring Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly. **★★★★**
6.10 Dear John (2010/12) Drama, starring Channing Tatum. **★★★★**
8.00 A Star Is Born (2018/15) Drama, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. **★★★★★**
10.20 Fifty Shades of Grey (2015/18) Drama, with Jamie Dornan. **★★★**
12.30am Fifty Shades Darker (2017/18) Drama, with Dakota Johnson. **★★★**
2.35 Fifty Shades Freed (2018/18) Drama, with Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan. **★★★**
4.30 Sky Cinema Preview-Jan 2026
5.10-7.30am American Sniper (2014/15) Drama, with Bradley Cooper. **★★★★**

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.10pm The Smurfs (2011/U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. **★★★**
6.00 The Smurfs 2 (2013/U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. **★★**
7.55 Wicked (2024/PG) Musical fantasy adventure, starring Cynthia Erivo. **★★★★**
10.40 Bookworm (2024/12) Comedy, starring Elijah Wood and Neil Fisher. **★★★**
12.30am Mousehunt (1997/PG) Slapstick comedy, starring Nathan Lane. **★★★★**
2.15 The Tiger Rising (2022/PG) Family drama, starring Dennis Quaid. **★★★**
4.05 Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010/U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell and James Marsden. **★★★**
5.35-7.35am Peter Pan (2003/PG) Fantasy adventure, with Jeremy Sumpter. **★★★★**

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4.00pm A Good Read: Sherlock Holmes
5.00 The Late Edwina Black (1951/PG) Victorian murder mystery, starring Roland Culver and David Farrar. **★★★**
6.50 Strange But True Unexplained stories.
7.25 Scotland Yard Police drama.
8.00 Van der Valk Police drama.
10.10 Jekyll and Hyde (1990/15) Horror, with Michael Caine and Cheryl Ladd. **★★★**
12.05am Open Fire (1994/12) Fact-based crime drama, starring Rupert Graves. **★★★★**
2.15 Fedora (1978/PG) Drama, starring William Holden and Marthe Keller. **★★★**
4.30-6.00am The Reluctant Bride (1955

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Sack useless NHS bosses, not brave Jennifer Melle

THIS issue has gone on far too long and the whole thing is pathetic. This nurse did nothing wrong. This is a man who was brought from a male prison, who is a convicted paedophile. A nurse with an unblemished record faces dismissal for referring to him as "Mister".

The staff who made this decision, and in fact the people who produced the policy, should be sacked. Let's have some common sense restored, because that good old common sense seems to have been thrown out of the window.

Give this nurse her job back and let her get on with it in peace and leave this man where he belongs... in a male prison.

Janet Cooper,
Scotter, Lincs

Scrap Chagos deal then spend billions on forces

THIS Labour Government has invested massive diplomatic capital in selling the Chagos deal to the Trump administration. Why hasn't it used it to secure better deals for our manufacturers ("Keir Starmer doubles down on Chagos surrender after Trump attacks 'stupidity' of deal", January 20)?

The deal is opposed by the British Chagossians and is now discredited internationally as it exposes a protected area to predatory industrial fishing. And why surrender a secure freehold for a very expensive lease? That money could be invested in expanding our armed forces. Scrap the deal.

John Barstow,
Pulborough, W Sussex

Stop Trump's land grab and protect Nato allies

WHATEVER does Donald Trump think he is doing? Has he made a New Year's resolution to annexe as many countries as he can ("Starmer's right over Trump Greenland plan", January 20)?

Surely he cannot just look around and say he likes a particular country and decide to annexe it? He has not yet said if he will use force in Greenland but I don't think he has ruled it out.

It belongs to another Nato country and he should not even be contemplating a takeover. Every time he opens his mouth, I wonder how influenced he is by Vladimir Putin's antics in Ukraine.

Geoff Manning,
Kingswood, Surrey

Falkland Islands next on United States takeover?

SO IT has taken Donald Trump a year to grasp the "stupidity" of Keir Starmer paying to give the Chagos Islands away?

No doubt we shall see US Armed Forces from their base at Diego Garcia expel the remaining British troops on the islands as Trump acquires another territory in the name of US national security.

What's to stop him having the Falkland Islands in his sights with his rearmend ally Argentina? He is no longer an ally to Britain or Nato.

John Kennedy,
Hornchurch, Essex

LETTER OF THE DAY



SPEAKING OUT: Jennifer Melle told of vile racist abuse

Treatment of nurse a bitter pill to take

I AM appalled by the treatment meted out by Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust to Jennifer Melle ("We will never be silenced for telling truth", January 20).

This dedicated nurse was racially abused and could have feared assault from a 6ft prisoner, from a male prison, brought to the hospital for treatment, had he not been cuffed.

She called him "Mister" which the majority would assume he was from his look and location – he's a transgender paedophile and still a biological male. No wonder the NHS is losing decent staff who are subjected daily to abuse and assault from patients with no respect for those who work long, hard and stressful hours. Shame on this hospital trust.

Roz Owen,
Ross-on-Wye, Hereford

Britain's not safe thanks to Labour's three stooges

NOW President Trump has commented the Chagos Islands treachery initiated by the three stooges, David Lammy, Richard Hermer and useless anti-Britain Keir Starmer, who thinks he knows best concerning our security.

The PM must be removed and his Chagos deal cancelled.

With a lack of support for his own country you can bet the new Chinese embassy will be signed and given the OK before he returns from his trip there.

Donald Wiseman,
Norwich

Reckless Starmer cosies up to China and the EU

KEIR Starmer is again talking mumbo jumbo, claiming Greenland's future belongs to the people of that country and their democracy.

If that is right for these islanders, and for our friends in Ukraine too, then why does this not apply here?

Here, Starmer is trying to take us closer to the EU via the back door, against our democratic referendum, he's allowing cancellations of our democratic council elections and he's allowing China to have a huge

embassy here despite the public's legitimate concerns.

Starmer fails time after time and the public has had enough.

Tony Moore,
Southport, Merseyside

Macron plays a blinder as he stands up to a bully

I ONCE again proffer huge praise to French President Emmanuel Macron as he is not talking appeasement to Donald Trump's dictatorial demands. He has the backbone to stand up to his bullying tactics of imposing penalties on us ("Fears Trump's tariffs threat will rip Nato apart", January 19).

Macron has told Trump he doesn't hold the cards, even though the US President might think he's rigged this poker game, his bluffing bids will be called out.

Peter Morgan,
Shrewsbury, Salop

Inept water bosses are to blame for huge failures

HAVING worked in the water industry, including desert areas, for most of my working life I am appalled at the excuses put forward by company bosses for failures ("South East Water under investigation by regulator amid UK

water outage chaos", January 15). Previously, those who were at director level had water experience and knowledge of how plants worked but now the industry is seemingly led by accountants and corporate types.

In the past, nobody had dishwashers, washing machines etc, but they still design to the same criteria as 30-odd years ago. No new reservoirs, upgraded capacities... nothing.

Nobody should design a water plant that has no back up generator capability. No company should not hold enough spares for rapid repairs. Nobody should design water systems that do not take into account the ages of pipes, plant etc – but they do.

Glenn Llewellyn,
Burgh le Marsh, Lincs

Does anyone care about Beckhams' nepo baby?

I SPENT some time earlier this week asking a number of family and friends if they cared a jot about what Brooklyn Beckham thought about his parents ("Brooklyn's bombshell", January 20).

Unsurprisingly, I was met with a wall of apathy. He and his family are a non-story.

Dave Alsop,
Churchdown, Glos

STRIP BAD SPORTS SENEGAL OF TROPHY AND GIVE IT TO MOROCCO

FOLLOWING the disgraceful display of petulance shown by Senegal players and management in the Africa Cup of Nations final, the team should be stripped of the trophy and it should be awarded to their defeated opponents Morocco by default ("Senegal risk being

disqualified and stripped of AFCON title over rule breach", January 19).

Senegal boss Pape Thiaw should be suspended for at least 12 months following his absolutely appalling behaviour in ordering his players off the pitch.

Brian Banks,
Ormskirk, Lancs



TODAY: Wednesday
January 21, 2026

ON THIS DAY



54 years ago (1972)

Our front page revealed unemployment had topped the one million landmark, with the total number of jobless reaching 1,023,583, the highest number for 32 years. The House of Commons was suspended as Labour MPs "boiled over", reflecting the "nation's sense of fury and dismay".

For six minutes Prime Minister Ted Heath faced unprecedented scenes, with one MP flinging a newspaper and another shaking a fist under his nose.

76 years ago (1950)

Author George Orwell died of tuberculosis.

Born Eric Arthur Blair to a family of civil servants in India, Orwell rebelled against his comfortable upbringing and spent time living rough in London's East End in the 1930s.

He found fame with his last two novels, *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which were published in 1945 and 1949.

Nine years ago (2017)

An estimated seven million people took part in women's marches in more than 400 cities across the US and in 160 countries around the world to protest against Donald Trump's first day as US President.

BIRTHDAYS



Thelma & Louise star **Geena Davis** is 70. She is a member of Mensa. Spanish opera singer



Plácido Domingo is 85. He performs in six languages. Former Spice Girl **Emma Bunton** is 50.



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♈ ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Either you or someone close will be feeling restless. This could lead to you both enjoying a surprisingly different and exciting few hours. Even if it hadn't been planned, you could be on the move. You're open to new experiences and will enjoy connecting with people from different cultures. Embrace the spontaneity as it may unveil hidden joys.

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♊ GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
A friendship or romantic connection with someone from a different background could start today. In your work or a social setting, you could be introduced to some unusual people. Your popularity will attract the attention of someone in power. Embrace these moments, as they may offer surprising insights. Trust your instincts.

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♌ LEO JULY 24-AUG 23
You are determined to succeed in all you take on but it is not a good idea to try balancing it all at once. You could end up losing something as some balls you are juggling will drop. For this reason, think about reducing your workload. Emphasising quality over quantity will not only ease your mind but also allow your true talents to shine through.

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♐ SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21
Pain and disappointment is often a part of our lives. Today you will encounter both and opportunities for growth. Some of these may stem from previous mistakes. This can serve as a motivator, pushing you to overcome problems and regain your sense of normalcy. Embrace lessons learned for they will illuminate your path forward, guiding you with wisdom.

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♉ TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your financial situation is in a state of flux but if you experience an overwhelming amount of change you could find yourself struggling. Heed the advice of a relative. Remember for you this uncertainty may lead to unexpected opportunities that could help to reshape your financial landscape. Stay open to possibilities that may arise amid turbulence.

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♋ CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 23
Don't be disheartened when someone whose help you had been relying on lets you down. You know that you won't disappoint yourself. Your internal support systems are what help you to persevere, forging a path that is uniquely your own. Remember, this moment of introspection can lead to personal growth and newfound strength.

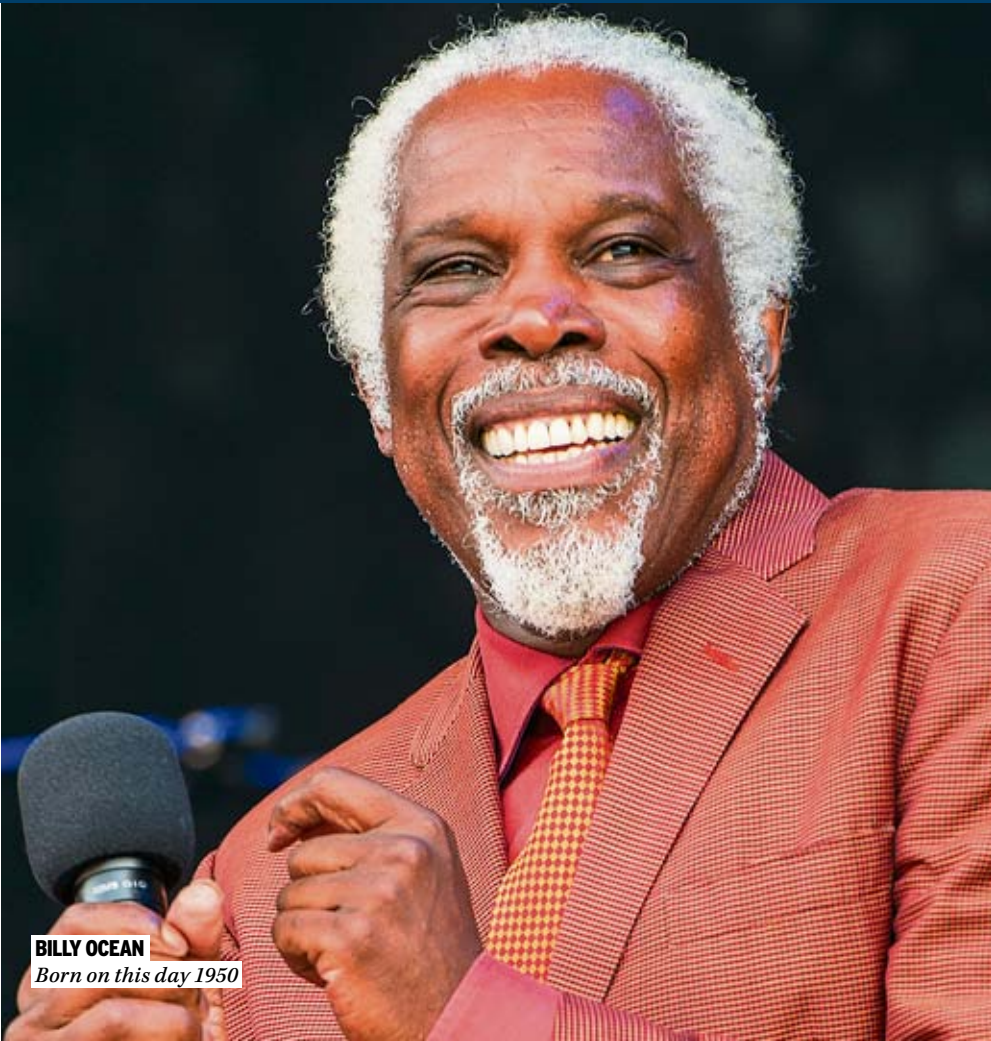
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♍ VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 23
There's a sense that something is lacking or isn't quite right. At least this feeling won't last. Midday is when things will suddenly pick up as something unexpected that requires attention will take everyone by surprise. Embrace this moment as it may lead to unexpected opportunities. Trust in your ability to navigate the surprises ahead.

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♑ CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20
It won't make any sense for you to insist on sticking with the same methods or routines when it's obvious these aren't working. If a chance arises you feel you should consider, go with this. You can maintain your balance despite changes going on. Embrace the unexpected as it may lead you to surprising insights and enrich your journey ahead.

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♎ LIBRA SEPT 24-OCT 23
There are some great experiences to be had at the moment even if some of these aren't what you had in mind for the day. Obstacles that suddenly get in your way will be what build your strength and wisdom. Embrace these unexpected challenges as they may lead you to delightful revelations. Take some time later to meditate and observe. Stay positive.

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♒ AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19
You have multiple projects in the works and have no doubts about being able to cope. Even so, it will be important to prioritise. You may need to find a balance between family and career. While you are coping well, the future could present new challenges. Embrace support from those around you. Sometimes collaboration can yield unexpected rewards.

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♏ SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22
Are you happy with circumstances? Reflect on your aspirations and what truly drives you. To achieve success, you need to feel motivated, otherwise you will drift along without achieving anything. Visualise yourself in different scenarios to find the ideal path for you. Embrace your imagination – it could reveal opportunities you hadn't considered before.

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♓ PISCES FEB 20-MARCH 20
You are known for being friendly but that doesn't go to say you don't need times of peace and quiet. When you feel drained of energy, spend a little time alone or at least with someone who understands your need for some low-key company. Embrace the stillness as it can be a nurturing space that helps renew your spirit and perspective.

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Saudi Arabia	4.80 riyal
South Africa	21.17 rand
Sweden	11.75 krona
Switzerland	1.04 franc
Thailand	40.17 baht
Turkey	54.09 lira
United States	1.32 dollar

GSK agrees £1.6bn deal to take over US biotech firm

BIOPHARMA giant GSK has reached an agreement to acquire US-based biotech group Rapt Therapeutics – makers of a food allergy drug.

The deal values Rapt, which develops therapies for treating people with inflammatory and immunologic diseases, at £1.6billion, and marks the first major deal for new GSK chief executive Luke Miels. It comes weeks after he took charge of the FTSE 100 drug-maker.

GSK's agreement puts the Californian outfit at \$58 per share, nearly double its Nasdaq closing price of \$33.81. The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of this year.

It will give GSK the global rights to Rapt's ozureprubart programme – an experimental drug for food allergies – excluding mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau, with data from the drug's trial expected next year.

Under the terms, GSK will also be responsible for royalty payments for ozureprubart owed to Rapt's partner, Shanghai Jeyou Pharmaceutical Co.

Tony Wood, chief scientific officer at GSK, said: "The addition of ozureprubart brings another promising new, potential

By **Maisie Grice**

best-in-class treatment to GSK's pipeline. Ozureprubart offers the opportunity to bring sustained protection to patients and is consistent with our approach to acquire assets that address validated targets and where there is clear unmet medical need."

GSK's share price dipped 1.24% to 1793.49p following news of the acquisition.

Rapt CEO Brian Wong also noted the acquisition allows his firm to access GSK's "resources and infrastructure" as well as "global development and commercialisation capabilities".

Meanwhile, GSK also saw Japanese pharma firm Shionogi & Co buy out Pfizer's 11.7% stake in HIV specialist ViiV Healthcare.

The deal involves a \$2.1bn investment by Shionogi to ViiV in exchange for the new shares, increasing its stake to 21.7%.

GSK will maintain its 78.3% share while Pfizer received \$1.8bn for terminating its stake in the company.

ViiV chair David Redfern said: "This agreement simplifies ViiV's shareholder structure and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with Shionogi."



Firm is buying US's Rapt



Wise saw soaring volumes

Wise move to cash in on money switching boom

MONEY transfer firm Wise delivered a bumper third-quarter as the UK fintech continues to lay the groundwork for its US dual listing.

The payments firm recorded a 26% surge in cross-border volumes to £47.4billion in its latest quarter, with its customer base swelling to near-11

million users, up by a fifth from the year prior. This helped to boost income to £424.4m, a 21% increase.

The fintech, which hired more than 1,000 staff to cope with increased trade, said it expects full-year income to land in the middle of its 15 to 20% target range. Wise also expects to complete its

US dual listing in the first half of this year as part of its mission to accelerate global growth.

When announcing the move last June, Wise said switching its main listing would "provide a potential pathway to inclusion in US indices, enhancing liquidity and demand for Wise shares".

CAPITAL RUNNING OUT OF OFFICES



Tower blocks dominate City skyline but office space is scarce

DEMAND for office space in London is outstripping supply after construction starts slid to their lowest level in 21 years and home workers were recalled.

Just 3.1 million sq ft of new work places began last year, a 35% drop on 2024.

Only 15.6 million sq ft of office space is under way in total - the lowest since 2020. Real estate

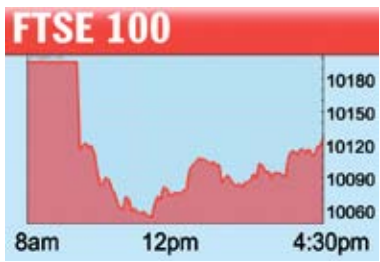
data crunchers CoStar said construction had been hit by high costs and economic fears.

Property firm JLL says current Central London office demand is 13.4 million sq ft. Meanwhile, hybrid and work from home staff are returning to the capital - two-thirds of space is needed for banking, finance and professional services sectors.

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	3222	-30	4459	2999
A.B. Foods	1863½	+7½	2337	1838
Admiral Group	1274	-6	1324	1050
Airtel Africa	356¼	-3½	372¾	123¾
Alliance Trust	1274	-5	3320	2003¾
Anglo American	3243	-5	3320	2003¾
Antofagasta	3547	-65	3665	1383
Ashtead Group	5000#	-110	5594	3659
AstraZeneca	13520	-370	14346	9667
Auto Trader	558½#	-11	908½	558½
Aviva	671¼	-10¼	692½	493
Babcock International	1482	-4	1502	498¼
BAE Systems	2066	-20	2093	1180½
Barclays	479½	-3½	489	241¾
Barratt Development	377½	-1	482¼	350
Beazley Group	1126	-44	1170	769
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3944	-18	4324	3524
BP	437¾	+4	476¼	331¾
British Amer.Tob	4257#	-116	4421	2953
British Land	405½	-7	420½	321¼
BT Group	185¼#	-¼	222¾	139½
Bunzl	1989	-57	3452	1983
Burberry Group	1219	-17½	1371½	627¾
Centrica	180¾	-¾	182	132¼
Coca-Cola HBC	3920	-4	4034	2762
Compass Group	2253#	-30	2843	2250
Convatec Group	231½	+¼	295½	221¼
CRH	8988	-58	9704	6142
Croda International	2678	-15	3383	2465
DCC	4376	-42	5600	4316
Diageo	1630½	+5½	2503½	1577
Diploma	5500#	+40	5685	3624
EasyJet	477	-6¼	587¾	427½
Entain	673	-14½	1022	501¼
Experian Group	3227#	-22	4088	3091
F&C Inv Tst	1243#	-8	1272	962
Fluttr Entert	13680	+95	23630	13330
Fresnillo	3976	-20	4078	657

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Games Workshop	18100#	+30	19840	12410
GlaxoSmithKline	1795½	-20½	1901½	1264
Glencore	482	+1	491	230
Haleon	373	+11¾	415¼	326½
Halma	3590#	-6	3698	2360
Hikma	1527	-16	2340	1507
Hiscox	1490	-26	1516	1035
HSBC Holdings	1229	-9¼	1238¾	713¼
IMI	2616	-28	2688	1606
Imperial Brands	3033	-66	3312	2600
Informa	912¼	+39¾	993½	640¼
InterContinental Htl	10052½	-3552½	10275¼	5509¾
Intermediate Cap.Grp	2020	-2	2450	1569
Intertek Group	4522	-32	5385	4064
Intl Consolidated Airlines	408¼	-2¼	437	224½
JD Sports	781¼	-1¼	104½	63¼
Kingfisher	317	-	329¾	238½
Land Securities	635	-19	655½	499½
Legal & General	262¼	-5½	267¼	215¼
Lloyds Banking Grp	102½	-	102½	58¾
London & Stamford Prop	200¾	-1¾	204½	170½
London Stock Ex	8980	-102	12095	8138



COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
M&G	301½	-¾	302¼	172¾
Marks & Spencer	363¼	+2	411¼	318½
Melrose	625¾	+9	680	386
Mondi	845½	-41¼	1326	819
National Grid	1190½	-5½	1201½	919¾
NatWest Group	651¾	+5¼	665½	411¼
Next	13695	-255	14580	9336
Pearson	938	+8¼	1379	928½
Pershing Square Hold.	4442	-134	5090	3244
Persimmon	1414	+2½	1414½	1037½
Phoenix Group	733	-15½	748½	499¼
Prudential	1167½	-27½	1195½	652
Reckitt Benckiser	6106	-10	6228	4633
RELX	3009	-5	4135	2969
Rentokil Initial	461¾	+8	473½	309½
Rightmove	495¾	-8½	823¾	495¾
Rio Tinto	6314	-25	6468	4117
Rolls-Royce Group	1281	+14	1305	582¾
Sage Group	1041½#	+5½	1348	1031
Sainsbury (J)	314½	-2¾	355¾	228¾
Schroders	450¼	-6¼	467	289¼
Scottish Mortgage	1195	+9	1215½	815¼
SEGRO	731½	-9¼	751½	599
Severn Trent	2847	-27	2917	2370
Shell	2722	-8	2931½	2291½
Smith & Nephew	1200½	-9½	1435	937¾
Smiths Group	2570	-8	2612	1687
Smurfit Kappa	3076	-2	4495	2558
Spirax-Sarco	7020	-30	8190	5445
SSE	2322#	-41	2363	1463½
St James's Place	1445	-39½	1515½	791
Standard Chartered	1838	-35	1878½	878¾
Tesco	426½	+¾	475½	314½
Unilever	4775	+19	6177½	4631
United Utilities	1211½#	-16½	1242	944½
Vodafone Group	101#	-1	103¾	64
Weir Group	3080	-3090	3090	1984
Whitbread	2752	-31	3274	2335

Bill to keep eye on firms is scrapped

A BILL designed to prevent major firms collapsing - in the wake of the 2018 Carillion failure - has been scrapped by the Labour government.

The Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill was meant to overhaul the current system by replacing the Financial Reporting Council with a new regulator with expanded powers.

But it would also have added "significant new costs to firms".

The Department of Business and Trade is now pressing ahead with plans to allow virtual annual general meetings and streamline corporate reporting, and yesterday launched a consultation to "speed up and simplify competition investigations".

FRC CEO Richard Moriarty said: "[Putting] the FRC on a full statutory footing is welcome news."

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COMPANY					CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW	SHARES AT A GLANCE						COMPANY					CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	LOW
Aerospace & Defence															Anglo Pacific.....					138½#	+8	138½	50
Avon Rubber.....					1982	+6	2180	1338							Antofagasta.....					3547	-65	3665	1383
Babcock International.....					1482	-4	1502	498½							BHP Billiton.....					2370	-54	2475	1609½
BAE Systems.....					2066	-20	2093	1180½							Endeavour Mining.....					4208	+112	4222	1514
Chemring Group.....					532	-7	593	297½							Fresnillo.....					3976	-20	4078	657
QinetiQ Group.....					529#	+7½	572	361							Gem Diamonds.....					3		12	2¼
Rolls-Royce Group.....					1281	+14	1305	582¼							Glencore.....					482	+1	491	230
Senior.....					221½		229½	115½							Hochschild Mining.....					603	+23	605½	168
Alternative Energy															Kenmare Res.....					254	-11	436	227
Porvair.....					884		900	626							Petra Diamonds.....					16	-¾	30½	10½
Banks															Rio Tinto.....					6314	-25	6468	4117
Barclays.....					479½	-3½	489	241¼							Mobile Telecommunications								
Bco Santander.....					906	-2	910	398½							Vodafone Group.....					101#	-1	103¼	64
Close Brothers.....					524½	-½	550½	244¼							Nonequity Investment Instruments								
HSBC Holdings.....					1229	-9¼	1238¼	713¼							Oryx Int.Gwth.....					1217½	-32½	1392½	1042½
Investec.....					589½	-2½	610	414							Rights &Ss.Lnc.....					2020	-20	2220	1670
Lloyds Banking Grp.....					102½		102½	58¼							Nonlife Insurance								
Metro Bank.....					128½	-¼	133½	81							Admiral Group.....								
NatWest Group.....					651¼	+5¼	665½	411¼							Beazley Group.....					1126	-44	1170	769
Paragon Group.....					890	-7½	970	686½							Hiscox.....					1490	-26	1516	1035
Standard Chartered.....					1838	-35	1878½	878¼							Lancashire.....					636	+12	694	523
Beverages															Oil & Gas Producers								
Barr (AG).....					636	-9	711	574							BP.....					437¼		476¼	331¼
Coca-Cola HBC.....					3920	-4	4034	2762							Cairn Energy.....					224	+1	331½	183
Diageo.....					1630½	+5½	2503½	1577							Enquest.....					12	+¼	16½	9¼
Chemicals															Gulf Keystone Pet.....					184¼	+1½	224½	148¼
Carclo.....					56	-1¼	80	21							Harbour Energy.....					215½	+5	290¼	151¼
Croda International.....					2678	-15	3383	2465							Shell.....					2722	-8	2931½	2291½
Elementis.....					165¼	+1	176½	115							Soco International.....					20¼#	-¾	27¼	18
Johnson Matthey.....					2304#	-12	2362	1156							Tullow Oil.....					6¼	-¼	23	4
Synthomer.....					55½	-3	158¼	46							Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution								
Treatt.....					219	+6	445	186½							Hunting.....					428½	+21½	428½	246½
Victrex.....					695		1066	589							John Wood Group.....					26¼		72½	17¼
Construction & Materials															Personal Goods								
Balfour Beatty.....					716	-10	735	390½							Burberry Group.....					1219	-17½	1371½	627¼
Costain Group.....					161	-3	168	86							PZ Cussons.....					70	-1	88¼	66
CRH.....					8988	-58	9704	6142							Unilever.....					4775	+19	6177½	4631
Dialight.....					308	-17	364	89							Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology								
Galliford Try.....					523	-11	546	321							AstraZeneca.....					13520	-370	14346	9667
Gleeson (MJ).....					402		538	320							Genus.....					2765	-70	2835	1548
Keller Group.....					1688	-26	1740	1240							GlaxoSmithKline.....					1795½	-20½	1901½	1264
Kier Group.....					219	-3	231½	115½							Haleon.....					373	+11¼	415¼	326½
Marshalls.....					159½	-7¼	293	159½							Hikma.....					1527	-16	2340	1507
Morgan Sindall.....					4870	-95	4985	2945							Ovoca Gold.....					1¼			
Severfield-Rowen.....					28½	+½	52¼	19							Oxford Biomedica.....					887	+7	913	232½
Smart (J) & Co.....					132½#		132½	110							Real Estate Investment & Services								
Electricity															Boot (Henry).....					225	+2	237	196
Drax Group.....					879½	-17	903½	536½							Cardiff Property.....					2700#		2700	2540
SSE.....					2322#	-41	2363	1463½							CLS Holdings.....					59	-¾	75	53½
Telecom Plus.....					1344	+4	2085	1328							Foxtons.....					52½		67¼	52¼
Electronic & Electrical Equipment															Harworth Group.....					165		189½	159½
Acal.....					601#		738	486							Mountview Est.....					8750	-150	10200	8700
Halma.....					3590#	-6	3698	2360							Panther Secs.....					290		320	280
Oxford Instruments.....					2325	-15	2410	1500							Rightmove.....					495¼	-8½	823¼	495¼
Renishaw.....					3700	-35	3875	2145							Savills.....					1064	-18	1110	871
TT Electronics.....					109¼	-¼	154	73							Wynnstay Props.....					860		875	695
XP Power.....					1020	+8	1314	621							Real Estate Investment Trusts								
Equity Investment Instruments															Big Yellow Group.....					1040#	-28	1180	848
Aberdeen Asian Sml.....					376	-2	383	256							British Land.....					405½	-7	420½	321¼
Aberforth Sml.Co.....					1616	-12	1638	1212							Capital & Counties.....					140¼	-2½	161¼	113½
Acom Income.....															Derwent London.....					1871	-26	2096	1608
Albion Tech & Gen. VCT.....					66		71	63½							Grainger.....					190½#	-2	228	177½
Alliance Trust.....					1274	-6	1324	1050							Great Portland Est.....					337	-7	363	262
Aurora Inv.Tst.....					277	+1	279	212½							Hammonsom.....					331½	-5½	348¼	220½
AVI Global Tst.....					260	+½	266½	202							Helical Bar.....					178	-6¼	240	171¼
Baillie Gifford Japan.....					925	-14	951	657							Land Securities.....					635	-19	655½	499½
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip.....					137¼	-¼	138¼	95½							London & Stamford Prop.....					200¼	-1¼	204½	170½
Bankers Inv.Tst.....					133½	-¾	136	101							Primary Health.....					103½	-1	104¼	87½
Baronsmead VCT2.....					48½		52	46½							SEGRO.....					731½	-9¼	751½	599
BH Macro GBP.....					403	+1	409½	371½							Town Centre.....					123½	-¾	149	117
Biotech Growth Trust.....					1245	-10	1285	620							Unite Group.....					572½	-10½	879½	510
BlackRock Mining.....					951	+2	955	406½							Value & Income.....					198¼#	-1½	215	173
Bluehone AIM VCT2.....					28¼		31	28¼							Workspace Group.....					412½#	-6	473½	362
British Assets Tst.....					27¼		49¼	26¼							Software & Computer Services								
Brunner Inv.Tst.....					1466	-8	1494	1140							Computacenter.....					3038	-40	3212	2086
Caledonia Inv.....					363½	-7	391½	334½							Intec Telecom.....								
City Natural Res.Yld.....					401	+5	405	165¼							Microgen.....					287½	-7	344	255
City Of London.....					546	-3	549	411½							Moneysupermarket.....					183½	-2¼	221½	180½
Dunedin Ent.IT.....															Pendragon.....					347½	-10½	558	296
Dunedin Income.....					306	-3	312	262							RELX.....					3009	-5	4135	2969
Edin Wwde Inv.....					222½	+½	229½	143							Sage Group.....					1041½#	+5½	1348	1031
Edin.Inv.Tst.....					808	-7	839	680							Triad Group.....					245		400	240
Edin.US Tracker.....					380½#	-2½	386½	289½															
Elderstreet VCT.....					38¼		41	36½															
F&C Cap&Inc.....					347	-7	354	287															
F&C Inv Tst.....					1243#	-8	1272	962															
F&C Smaller Cos.....					182½#	-1	184¼	136½															
F&C US Smaller Companies.....					1410	+15	1522½	1115															
Fidelity Asian.....					610		628	454															
Fidelity European.....					425	-½	434	338½															
Fidelity Special.....					426	-2½	431½	295½															
Finsbury Gwth&In.....					818	-6	962	795															
Foresight Tech.VCT.....					65½		75½	62															
Genesis E.M.F.....					1134	-12	1150	632															
Graphite Ent.....					1488	-16	1600	1070															
Hansa Tst A'.....					266	-4	273	190															
Hansa Tst Plc.....					273	+1	278	192½															
Henderson Far Est.....					251	-1½	253½	190½															
Henderson High Inc.....					192#	-2	195½	151															
Herald Inv.Tst.....					2590	+5	2640	1738															
HGCapital Tst.....					496	+2½	538	448															
HSBC Infrastructure.....					117½	-1½	125¼	106															
Impax Env.Mkt.....					421	-4½	431	310½															
Int.Biotech.Tst.....					964#	+4	996	480															
International Public.....					127½	-2	130	107¼															
Invesco Asia.....					439	-4	447	300															
Invesco Perp UK.....					380½	-½	386	313½															
JPM American.....					1118	+12	1186	869															
JPM Asian.....					475#	-7½	483	331½															
JPM Claverhouse.....					878	+2	888	660															
JPM Emerg Mkt.....					142½#	-1½	144½	95															
JPM Euro Sml Co.....					609#	+1	620	444½															
JPM Global Emerging.....					179½#	-1	183½	118½															
JPM Indian.....					972	-15	1106	904															
JPM Japanese.....					747#	-10	759	493															
JPM Overseas IT.....					578	+1	610	480															
JPM Smaller Co.....					332	-4	338	253															
JPM US Sml Co.....					417	-2	516	338															
Jupiter Euro.....					927	+2	959	757															
JZ Capital Partners.....					187		220	184															
Law Debenture.....					1106	+2	1124	788															
Lowland Invest Co.....					164#	-1½	166	114½															
Majedie Inv.....					270	-4	280	230															
Manchester&Lon.....					766	-5	944	512															
Martin Currie Prtfo Tst.....					350#	-2	386	295															
Maven Income And Growth VCT 33½							38	33½															
Mercantile Inv Tst.....					263½#	-1	266	202½															
Merchants Tst.....					607	-6	617	474															
Mid Wynd Int.....					782		836	664															
Monks Inv.Tst.....					1524	-10	1554	1036															
Montanaro Euro Tst.....					166½	-1	183½	138															
Montanaro UK.....					103#	-½	106½	87¼															
Murray Inc.Tst.....					918	-3	938	754															
Murray Int.Tst.....					329#	-1	335	239															
New India.....					734	-22	832	686															
New Star Inv.Tst.....					129½		131	100															
North Atl.Smlr.Tst.....																							
Northern 2 VCT.....					53½#		57	52½															

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Varian has a Dream in mind at Kempton

MIDNIGHT'S DREAM (7.00, Nap) is fancied to strike in division two of the Unibet Support Safer Gambling Handicap at Kempton Park.

Roger Varian's trainee secured a course victory around this time last year following a 92-day break and he has a first start here since mid-November.

Five-time champion jockey Oisin Murphy, right, is back in the saddle and **Midnight's Dream** is assisted by the application of first-time blinkers.

And if they do the trick, his mount has form to figure, as he split the 103-rated filly **Cheshire Dancer** and **Dutch Decoy** (84) at Leicester in May, as well

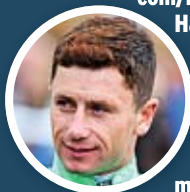
By The Scout

as being beaten a couple of lengths in a Southwell contest which numerous winners have come out of subsequently.

At Catterick, **POWEROFJET** (1.47, nb) is running for the racingtv.com/freetrial Novices' Handicap Chase after missing a couple of recent opportunities.

But the son of **Jet Away** can make up for lost time as he scored with a bit in hand at Newcastle and an extra 7lb looks within range.

LADRONNE (12.47, trb) should get the good gallop he requires in the **Racing To School Conditional Jockeys' Veterans' Handicap Chase**.



By Melissa Jones

TOBY LAWES will take on his old boss on Festival Trials Day at Cheltenham with "exciting" young hurdler **Klimt Madrik**.

The trainer used to be Nicky Henderson's assistant, riding work on ten-time Grade One winner Altior and 2017 King George VI Chase titleholder **Might Bite**.

Between them they notched up five firsts at the Festival and Lawes hopes his stable star can book his own ticket with a bold show in Saturday's Grade Two AIS Novices' Hurdle.

Henderson saddles **Act Of Innocence**, the likely favourite carrying the colours of Gordon and Su Hall, whose Old Park Star has reached the summit of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle betting.

"Klimt Madrik is exciting and has shown he is ready for the challenge," said Lawes, below.

"Horses like him are not easy to come by. We didn't think he would reach this sort of level until he went chasing, as he is a big raw type.

"His Challow Hurdle second was particularly promising because he wasn't suited by it turning into a sprint."

Klimt Madrik only had the Paul Nicholls-prepared **No Drama This** End ahead of him in the Grade



LAWES UP FOR HENDO MATCH

Trials Day is challenge for Toby's Klimt

One race at Newbury over Christmas, the ante-post favourite for the Turners Novices' Hurdle on March 11.

Lawes gave his charge the same option, as well as the **Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle** two days later, when the entries for the novice events were submitted yesterday.

"Cheltenham is going to test different skills with the undulations, so we will find out if he takes to it," he added.



MAD FOR IT: Klimt Madrik runs at Cheltenham on Saturday

LINGFIELD SKYSPORTSRACING

THE SCOUT			
12.35	Semser	2.38	Son Of Astar
1.05	High Chieftain	3.08	Hardstyle
1.35	Wrist Art	3.38	Inclusive
2.05	Dubai Immo	4.08	Noble Victory

12.35 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP

E2,980 (Class 6) 1m 1yds (8 declared)			
1 (7)	1361-71	VOZZAVONA LADY (7) J Jones 4 11-6 (5x).....	Mr E Cagney 44
2 (6)	225234-	JOYCEAN WAY (85) G & J Moore 5 11-2.....	
Miss Ella Smart-Jones(5) 47			
3 (1)	36L70-4	CLOTOG (19) (D) M Loughnane 8 11-0.....	Miss H Regan(7) 46
4 (5)	8215-63	RISING FORCE (7) (C&D,F) Darryll Holland 5 11-0.....	Mr Henry Callan(3) 48
Miss Amy Tucker(7) ★49			
5 (2)	40064-2	KNIGHTMARE (7) P Evans 4 10-13.....	
6 (7)	76/3224-	WHITELEY WAY (51) G Brown 5 10-12.....	Harry Brown(7) 47
7 (4)	551368-	SEMSER (35) (C&D) G & J Moore 9 10-9.....	
Mr James Hills(7) 48			
8 (3)	7LL-067	SUMMER EVENING (4) D Flood 4 10-5.....	Miss Louise Chance(7) 38
BLINKERS: No. 2 CHEEK PIECES: No. 8.			
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Vizzavona Lady, 7-2 Rising Force, 5 Knightmare, 6 Joycean Way, 7 Clotog, Whiteley Way, 10 Semser, 33 Summer Evening.			

1.05 RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)

E4,320 (5) 7f 1yds (9)			
1 (1)		PORTMAN BLUE J Parr 4 10-2.....	Zacharia Clarke(7) 22
2 (9)	7	HARRY DON'T BITE (14) C Poulton 5 10-0.....	G Mangan 61
3 (6)	4-1	EVENEPOEL (13) A Watson 3 9-5.....	H Doyle 61
4 (3)	555-2	FOOTHOLD (18) M Trengoning 3 8-10.....	J Dace(5) ★67
5 (2)	82-	HIGH CHIEFTAIN (37) Harry Eustace 3 8-10.....	G Wood 64
6 (4)	97-	SAVVI ROW (21) B Millman 3 8-10.....	O Searle(5) 50
7 (8)	L2-3	ALLEGRI (13) (F) A Balding 3 8-7.....	N Currie 66
8 (5)	L-	ANABA GIRL (21) J & S Best 3 8-7.....	C Planas(3) 23
9 (7)	8-	HURRICANE ANN (92) P Chapple-Hyam 3 8-5.....	L Morris 62
SP FORECAST: 5-2 Evenepoel, 11-4 Foothold, 3 High Chieftain, 7-2 Allegrino, 16 Hurricane Ann, 25 Portman Blue, Savvi Row, 50 Anaba Girl, 100 Harry Don't Bite.			
2025: Lady Manzor 3-8-5, Jack Dace(7) 28-1 (A Perrett), drawn (4), 7 ran.			
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LEICESTER: Hurdle: heavy-soft in places; Chase: good to soft-soft in places

1.32-UBATUBA (B Sutton, 15-8 2nd fav) 1; Skuna Bay (13-2); Starzand (4-5 fav) 3. 8 ran. 9/4l, 3/4l. (O Murphy). Tote: £2.88; pl £1.10, £1.80, £1.80. exacta: £12.50, trifecta: £18.80, CSF: £14.63.	2.02-JIPCOT (K Woods, 3-1 2nd fav) 1; No Tackle (5-1); Heethoboy (85-40 fav) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 10l, 38l. (J & A'Neill). Tote: £4.30; pl £1.70, £3.00, exacta: £19.90, trifecta: £62.70, CSF: £19.04.	2.32-SEAVIEW ROCK (B Sutton, 11-10 fav) 1; Mister Ursus (16-5); Three Dons (11-2) 3. 12 ran. 5l, 2/4l. (O Murphy). Tote: £2.10; pl £1.40, £1.10, £1.40, exacta: £6.50, trifecta: £21.80, CSF: £5.37. Non-runner: Kastellion.	3.02-RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY (Mr E Vaughan, 10-3 fav) 1; At The Oche (15-8 2nd fav) 2; Tigers Moon (13-8 fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1l, 2l. (T Vaughan). Tote: £4.34; pl £1.10, £1.10, £2.20, exacta: £10.10, trifecta: £13.74, trifecta: £25.70, CSF: £10.25. Non-runner: Zarakejack.	3.32-RIVER RUN FREE (J Tudor, 3-1 jt fav) 1; Nine Nine Nine (11-2); Kapamazov (3-1 jt fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 2/4l, 13l. (D Pipe). Tote: £4.00; pl £1.60, £2.00, £1.50, exacta: £20.70, trifecta: £53.49, trifecta: £76.20, CSF: £20.67. Non-runner: Streamforth Lad.	4.02-QUEEN OF STEEL (Mr Lucas Murphy, 9-2 co 2nd fav) 1; After Many Days (9-2 co 2nd fav) 2; Shesupincourt (10-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 3l, 22l. (F O'Brien; 4-1 fav Natus Vincere). Tote: £5.70; pl £1.90, £1.80, £2.50, exacta: £27.40, trifecta: £192.33, trifecta: £158.40, CSF: £24.56.	Placpot: £8.60 (Race 1) 4, 2, 3; (2) 2, 7; (3) 9, 7, 11; (4) 1, 4, 5; (5) 9, 10, 8; (6) 9, 7, 11. Quadpot: £3.60	NEWCASTLE: Standard
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12.43-SELENIC (L Morris, 4-1) 1; Imperial Trooper (16-1) 2; Haveyoumissidme (22-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 2/4l, nk. (Sir M Prescott; 11-4 fav King Chaos). Tote: £5.00; pl £1.20, £5.10, £5.60, exacta: £90.10, trifecta: £1274.01, trifecta: £1888.90, CSF: £66.92.	1.13-CHRIS'S MATE (G Wood, 12-1) 1; Ring Of Gold (9-2) 2; Dash Power (6-1) 3. 10 ran. 7/4l, 11l. (Mr W G Harrison; 7-2 fav Superior Council). Tote: £14.00; pl £3.80, £2.40, £2.10, exacta: £77.90, trifecta: £623.90, CSF: £66.33. Non-runners: The Gay Blade, Wee Nan.	1.43-DANDY BREEZE (P Murren, 5-6 fav) 1; Egotistical (11-1) 2; Starryfield (7-2 2nd fav) 3. 10
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1.35 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 1)

E4,711 (6) 1m 2f			
1 (3)	5545-91	MARINAKIS (10) (D) I Williams 6 10-0.....	R Kavanagh(5) 50
2 (6)	517L-52	AL SHABAB (2) (C&D) P Evans 5 9-9.....	Doubtful 50
3 (9)	48135-7	ENDOFASTORM (7) Joe Pouting 7 9-9.....	G Mangan 29
4 (1)	9L/LL-LL	HANNAHS STORY (11) D Steele 5 9-9.....	J Dace(5) 29
5 (7)	01L88-	IFTIKHAAR (37) J R Jenkins 7 9-9.....	J Peate 39
6 (5)	5/LL0L-	MARION'S BOY (57) (C&D) D Wingrove 9 9-9.....	T Heard 39
7 (10)	36334-5	MONKS MEAD (9) (F) M Usher 5 9-9.....	G Bass ★57
8 (4)	L57L-7	SAINT TERRY (13) A Carroll 5 9-9.....	Jason Watson 51
9 (8)	0006-73	WRIST ART (9) (F) James Owen 9 9-9.....	G Wood 55
10 (2)	L7L-	SCAMMER (153) G & J Moore 4 9-8.....	T P Queally 42
BLINKERS: No. 10 VISOR: Nos. 5, 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 6 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 6 HOOD: Nos. 4, 8.			
SP FORECAST: 2 Marinakis, 7-2 Wrist Art, 6 Monks Mead, 12 Endofastorm, 14 Iftikhaar, 25 Scammer, 50 Saint Terry, 100 Others.			

2.05 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 2)

E4,711 (6) 1m 2f			
1 (2)	64064-1	HAVEAGOBEAU (7) (C&D) J Boyle 7 9-13.....	J Dace(5) 55
2 (7)	L88705-	DUBAI IMMO (37) (D) P Butler 7 9-9.....	H Doyle 51
3 (3)	27597-7	KAARESS (18) (D) M Attwater 5 9-9.....	S M Levey ★59
4 (10)	405078-	LAURENTIA (37) (C&D) Stephanie Cassidy 10 9-9.....	
R Kavanagh(5) 54			
5 (8)	L7L847-	MYNA (120) A Carroll 5 9-9.....	Jason Watson 46
6 (9)	54980-8	SUN FESTIVAL (10) (D) J Parr 8 9-9.....	Zacharia Clarke(7) 43
7 (1)	6L0L3-L	SUNSET IN PARIS (10) (C&D) J R Jenkins 8 9-9.....	J Peate 54
8 (5)	L3235-4	BLUEBELLS BOY (4) (C,D,F) H Burton 7 9-8.....	L Morris 54
9 (4)	414L4-	WEDGEWOOD (30) (C&D) A Carroll 6 9-7.....	R Kavanagh(5) 66
10 (6)	66/4P-43	CAPTAIN KINSELLA (22) (D) J Gallagher 4 9-6.....	D Muscutt 66
11 (8)	0/0063L-	ESTIMAI (162) K Jewell 4 9-8.....	R Havlin 66
12 (6)	82725-L	IT'S SHOWTIME (17) (D) C Allen 5 9-0.....	C Shepherd 69
13 (6)	44L86-2	THE DEFIANT (14) (C&D) L Dace 10 8-11.....	J Dace(5) 66
BLINKERS: No. 1, 3 VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8 CHEEK PIECES: No. 8.			
SP FORECAST: 3 Bluebells Boy, 10-3 Son Of Astar, 9-2 Wedgewood, 5 Captain Kinsella, 6 The Defiant, 10 It's Showtime, 14 Desdemona, 20 Manhattan Chute.			

2.38 HANDICAP

E3,140 (6) 5f 6yds			
1 (1)	181425-	SON OF ASTAR (22) (D) A Carroll 4 9-9.....	Rossa Ryan ★71
2 (4)	5L8L-7L	MANHATTAN CHUTE (11) J & S Best 4 9-8.....	S Levey 65
3 (7)	L3235-4	BLUEBELLS BOY (4) (C,D,F) H Burton 7 9-8.....	L Morris 65
4 (3)	414L4-	WEDGEWOOD (30) (C&D) A Carroll 6 9-7.....	R Kavanagh(5) 66
5 (5)	7L8966-	CAPTAIN KINSELLA (22) (D) J Gallagher 4 9-6.....	D Muscutt 66
6 (2)	L7L75-L	DESDEMONA (11) (D) M Attwater 4 9-4.....	H Doyle 66
7 (8)	82725-L	IT'S SHOWTIME (17) (D) C Allen 5 9-0.....	C Shepherd 69
8 (6)	44L86-2	THE DEFIANT (14) (C&D) L Dace 10 8-11.....	J Dace(5) 66
BLINKERS: No. 1, 3 VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8 CHEEK PIECES: No. 8.			
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RESULTS

1.17, 1.60, £3.50, exacta: £39.40, tricast: £404.93, trifecta: £275.90, CSF: £50.79.	Placpot: £80.40 (Race 1) 4, 5, 2; (2) 2, 5, 3; (3) 2, 7, 3; (4) 8, 2, 3; (5) 7, 1; (6) 3, 1, 7; Quadpot: £2.70	SOUTHWELL: Standard
5.00-NO KNEE NEVER (Mr Henry Callan, 5-1) 1; Rainwater (9-2) 2; Amazonian Dream (11-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1/4l, 7/4l, (J Camacho; 11-8 fav Hungry Dory). Tote: £29.10; pl £5.90, £2.50, £3.60, exacta: £225.30, trifecta: £2401.66, trifecta: £961.50, CSF: £221.99.	5.30-HUNDRED CAPS (D E Hogan, 25-1) 1; Sergeant Pep (8-1) 2; Amazonian Dream (11-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1/4l, 7/4l, (J Camacho; 11-8 fav Hungry Dory). Tote: £29.10; pl £5.90, £2.50, £3.60, exacta: £225.30, trifecta: £2401.66, trifecta: £961.50, CSF: £221.99.	6.00-SI GRASS (S D Bowen, 11-10 fav) 1; Poor Relation (13-2) 2; Kurios Lady (11-1) 3. 11 ran. 1/4l, (C Johnston). Tote: £2.10; pl £1.10, £2.10, £3.70, exacta: £10.30, trifecta: £64.90, CSF: £9.51. Non-runner: Big Moonrise.
6.30-HOW'S THE GUNNOR (D Keenan, 5-1 2nd fav) 1; Roaring Ralph (13-2) 2; Cable Beach (8-1) 3. H'cap 12 ran. 1/4l, 7/4l, (J Candlish; evens		

3.08 HANDICAP

E3,140 (6) 1m 1yds (8)			
1 (6)	8664-11	HARDSTYLE (2) (C&D,F) G Boughy 10-2(12ex).....	P Cosgrave ★72
2 (1)	L60-	KARISMA'S ANGEL (33) E Walker 9-9.....	T Marquand 65
3 (4)	656LL-	ANGELIC RASCAL (23) G Boughy 9-8.....	Grace McEntee 67
4 (2)	42211-7	THANH NAM (19) (D) James Owen 9-8.....	L Morris 60
5 (3)	977-	BLACK TANGO (62) T Dascombe 9-8.....	P-L Jamin 57
6 (8)	5182-	UNCLE NADER (55) Jack Jones 9-6.....	Rossa Ryan 63
7 (5)	51752-3	CHILLCONCARNEIGH (7) P Evans 9-4.....	S M Levey 65
8 (7)	05L-	PAROLE BOARD (63) P Phelan 8-10.....	C Shepherd 61
VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 5, 6.			
SP FORECAST: 8-11 Hardstyle, 9-2 Thanh Nam, 11-2 Uncle Nader, 7 Chillinconcarneigh, 20 Angelic Rascal, 25 Black Tango, 33 Karisma's Angel, 50 Parole Board.			
2025: Antiquity 9-6, Hayley Turner 6-1 (J Osborne), drawn (11), 11 ran.			

3.38 HANDICAP

E3,140 (6) 6f 1yds (7)			
1 (4)	0784L2-	MISTER MOET (30) (D) S Dixon 9-9.....	J Haynes 61
2 (7)	5843-	HENRIETTE RONNER (23) W Haggas 9-9.....	T Marquand 64
3 (5)	8608-3	INCLUSIVE (20) J Fanshawe 9-7.....	D Muscutt ★65
4 (3)	15282-3	FAR TOO FIZZY (9) (D) D Loughnane 9-6.....	Rossa Ryan 63
5 (2)	450-	BUCKLAND BELLE (30) Ollie Sangster 9-6.....	N Currie 62
6 (1)	61639-4	REAL GOLD (14) R Cook & J Bridger 9-5.....	R Kavanagh(5) 63
7 (6) 974L- WARRIOR QUEEN (34) James Horton 9-3..... G Wood 62			
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 7.			
SP FORECAST: 5-2 Far Too Fizzy, 10-3 Mister Moet, 4 Henriette Ronner, Inclusive, 11-2 Real Gold, 25 Buckland Belle, Warrior Queen.			

4.08 BET 10 GET 40 WITH BETMG HANDICAP

E4,972 (4) 7f 1yds (9)			
1 (1)	11504-1	BELL SHOT (20) (C&D) M Appleby 7 9-10.....	R Havlin 92
2 (8)	L19032-	METAVVERSE (51) (D) Menuisier 6 9-8.....	T Marquand 94
3 (7)	423934-	BEST RATE (77) (D) R Hannon 4 9-8.....	S M Levey 92
4 (5)	08813-5	TIGER CRUSADE (14) (C&D) D M Simcock 9 9-7.....	C Shepherd 93
5 (3)	0374-32	DIAMONDONTHEHILL (10) (C&D) Dr R Newland & J Insole 8 9-6.....	H Doyle ★95
6 (9)	439323-	NOBLE VICTORY (104) J Tate 4 9-2.....	Rossa Ryan 92
7 (6)	8LL14-	SPIRIT LEAD ME (57) (D) R Hughes 4 9-1.....	D J Murphy(7) 93
8 (2)	1/0009-7	ELOUISE'S PRINCE (14) L Dace 4 8-13.....	Jude Fernandes(7) 85
9 (4)	1/6L99L-	BRUNEL NATION (34) (D) R Hughes 5 8-13.....	F Marsh 79
BLINKERS: No. 3 VISOR: No. 1 HOOD: Nos. 2, 8.			
SP FORECAST: 10-3 Diamondonthehill, 4 Bell Shot, 9-2 Metaverse, 5 Best Rate, 11-2 Noble Victory, 15-2 Tiger Crusade, 10 Spirit Lead Me, 20 Others			

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12.47	VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE	£5,281 (Class 4) 3m 1f 54yds (6 declared)
1 5L2F44	TIGER ORCHID (11) Dr R Newland & J Insole 11-2-0..... L Scott	122
2 1L-124	● LADRONNE (23) (C&D,F) J Parkinson & S Smith 12-11-0..... O Palmer(5)	121
3 3-51L2	FERN HILL (31) B Case 11-11-5..... D Johnston	120
4 4LUB4P	MY BOBBY DAZZLER (5) M Rowley 11-11-5..... T McCain-Mitchell	94
5 5/3L-LF	CARRIEGAN CASTLE (56) M Hammond 10-11-5..... A Stevens	94
6 3/2-334	GOLD EMERY (22) D McCain 10-11-1..... C Maggs(3) ★125	
BLINKERS: No. 1 TONGUE STRAP: No. 2 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 6, 50FT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 5, 3, 6, 2, 4, 1.		
SP FORECAST: 11-8 Ladronne, 7-2 Gold Emery, 5 Tiger Orchid, 7 Carriegan Castle, 8 Fern Hill, 10 My Bobby Dazzler.		
2025: Siberian Star 10-10-6, Shane Fenelon 4-1 (P & M Bowen), 6 ran.		

1.17	NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE)	£5,446 (4) 2m 3f 66yds (13)
1 1/53-12	KOSAC D'OUAIRIES (49) (F) T J Snowden 6-11-9..... G Sheehan ★132	
2 231	NOONTELLSMENOTHIN (36) (C&D) T J & A O'Neill 5-11-9..... Jonjo O'Neill Jr	109
3 7-722L1	RED OAK (44) (F) James Owen 6-11-9..... J J Burke	118
4 2	● ALSAKIB (25) D McCain 6-11-2..... B Hughes	119
5 45	COLD HASTER (26) Sara Ender 7-11-2..... H Bannister	104
6 L	COOL MASTER (53) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5-11-2..... T Wynne	64
7 6-L5	QUINTA BRIGADA (13) T E Williams 5-11-2..... C Ring	68
8 4-354	RATEMENOW (2) S Corbett 5-11-2..... R Chapman	85
9 65-67	SUPREME SHOT (35) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5-11-2..... Craig Nichol	108
10 31406	DOTTIES PROMISE (20) S Corbett 6-10-9..... C Rabbitt(3)	49
11 L	INLET (20) M Sowersby 5-10-9..... A Anderson(5)	69
12 33-LLL	PERFECTOT (26) R Menzies 5-10-9..... J Hamilton	82
13 3/L0	TEN OFF FIFTY (26) J E Foster 6-10-9..... Sean Quinlan	73
TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 12, 13 HOOD: Nos. 1, 9, 12.		
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1, 3.		
SP FORECAST: 5-4 Kosac D'ouairies, 2 Red Oak, 4 Alsakib, 7 NoonTEllsmenothin, 16 Supreme Shot, 33 Dotties Promise, 50 Cold Haster, 66 Others.		
2025: Jarrive De Mee 6-11-9, Mr P Mullins 2-5 Fav (W P Mullins), 7 ran.		

1.47	NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE	£4,225 (5) 2m 3f 51yds (7)
1 9-1P741	MARTY MCFLY (20) A M Thomson 8-12-0..... B Hughes ★102	
2 3814-31	● POWEROFJET (68) (F) M Todhunter 7-11-13..... C Bewley	98
3 815-P16	KINGOFTHESWINGERZ (82) (T) H Dickinson 7-11-2..... J Best	100
4 63-35	COUNT ADHEMAR (23) D McCain 6-11-10..... T Gillard	-
5 73L-LP-4	DIAMAND DE VINCEY (58) (T) R Bevis 7-11-6..... J J Burke	-
6 821321	HUIT REFLETS (26) M Walford 9-11-4..... J Hamilton	101
7 652FL4	BLENDED STEALTH (26) Lizzie Quinlan 9-10-2P J Kavanagh	98
BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: No. 6 TONGUE: Nos. 1, 3, 3 CHEEK: Nos. 1, 3, 5.		
SP FORECAST: 7-4 Powerofjet, 11-4 Marty Mcfly, 7-2 Huit Reflets, 10 Count Adhemar, 12 Blended Stealth, 14 Kingoftheswingerz, 16 Diamand De Vincey.		
2025: Bravethewaves 8-10-8, T Wynne(3) 2-1 (O Greenall & J Guerrero), 10 ran.		

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Left Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26): Brian Hughes 19% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26): T Easterby 12% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 17 Ten Off Fifty (tongue strap), Supreme Shot (hood), 220 Gardener (tongue strap), Hey Buddy (wind surgery), As Fast As Wind (hood, tongue strap), 320 Mexican Stan (tongue strap), Vampire Slayer (visor), 350 Teddie (hood, tongue strap). BEATEN FAVOURITES: 12.47 My Bobby Dazzler(hcp ch). 1.17 Alsakib. 220 Bolin Neil(hcp hdl). 2.50 Defence Witness(hcp ch), Getaway Glory(hcp ch). 3.20 Stellarmasterpiece(hcp hdl). LONGEST TRAVELLER: Luna Lux (3.50) 313 miles. STABLE SWITCH: No Qualifiers.

4.30	EBF MAIDEN CLASS 3YO	£6,480 (Class 3) 1m 2f 219yds (4 Dec)
1 (2) 7-	CHESHIRE CAT (98) S & E Crisford 9-7..... S D Bowen	56
2 (1) 6342-3	NEW BAY STAR (12) (F) T C Johnston 9-7..... B Loughnane	78
3 (4) 2234-	ONLY IN MANILA (35) S & E Crisford 9-7..... H Davies ★80	
4 (3) L4-	● ROKER ROAR (76) A Balding 9-7..... O Murphy	75
CHECK PIECES: Nos. 2, 3.		
SP FORECAST: 13-8 New Bay Star, 7-4 Only In Manila, 5-2 Roker Roar, 16 Cheshire Cat.		
2025: Tribal Act 9-7, D Costello 11-10 Fav (C Appleby), drawn (5), 8 ran.		

5.00	MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)	£5,400 (4) 7f (13)
1 (5) 5-	DIVINE WISH (24) M Murphy 4-9-11..... K O'Neill	62
2 (13) L5-	EVEREST (50) G & J Moore 7-9-11..... R Clutterbuck	60
3 (6) 63-	BREATHE EASY (56) (F) A Balding 3-8-12..... O Murphy	63
4 (2) 72-2	LEONETTO (18) Harry Charlton 3-8-12..... B Loughnane ★68	
5 (4)	MENZIES Harry Eustace 3-8-12..... Kaiya Fraser	48
6 (11) 3-	MOHMENTOUS (51) Ollie Sangster 3-8-12..... S D Bowen	48
7 (9) 5-	QUICK QUASAR (25) A Watson 3-8-12..... W Cox	57
8 (8) 3-7	RAWSON (13) M Appleby 3-8-12..... A Rawlinson	54
9 (10) 23-	THE STONE POWER (30) R Beckett 3-8-12..... E Greatrex	65
10 (12)	● ZAMBEZI RIVER S & E Crisford 3-8-12..... H Davies	26
11 (7) L-	CELESTIQUE (37) R Hannon 3-8-7..... M Ghiani	26
12 (3)	FOLLOW MY HEART B Millman 3-8-7..... Jack Doughty	58
13 (1)	STOLE MY HEART (42) C Cox 3-8-7..... Georgia Dobbie	58
TONGUE STRAP: No. 2.		
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Leonetto, 4 The Stone Power, 5 Breathe Easy, 11-2 Zambezi River, 10 Quick Quasar, 14 Rawson, Menzies, 16 Mohmentous, 20 Others.		
2025: Zeus Olympios 3-8-12, Clifford Lee 2-7 Fav (K R Burke), drawn (6), 8 ran.		

5.30	HANDICAP	£4,187 (5) 6f (12)
1 (3) 31209-L	MR COOL (20) (D) T C Johnston 4-9-9..... N Callan ★86	
2 (1) 4412-7-0	NEMOV (20) (C&D) S C Williams 5-9-8..... M Ghiani	75
3 (2) 3093-15	EM FOUR (10) (D,F) J Osborne 4-9-8..... C J Whiteley(7)	83
4 (5) 81310L-	MCKENNA (55) D Donovan 4-9-8..... S D Bowen	82
5 (8) 14292-1	WAISTCOAT (10) (D,F) R Burdon 5-9-8(Sex)..... R Clutterbuck	83
6 (12) 439000-	NORTHCLIFF (37) (D) T Faulkner 6-9-7..... L Catton(3)	78
7 (4) 0633L3-	CITY CYCLONE (42) A Carroll 6-9-7..... W Carson	82
8 (11) 01214-	● STATE OF MADNESS (37) (D) C Clover 5-9-7..... D Keenan	81
9 (6) 96053-6	CAYMAN TAI (14) R Hannon 4-9-6..... T Greatrex	87
10 (7) 116758-	ICONIC TIMES (131) (C&D) H Main 4-9-6..... O Murphy	77
11 (10) 50544-8	EXPERT AGENT (5) (C&D) S C Williams 6-9-5..... H Crouch	82
12 (9) 656964-	INVINCIBLE SPEED (24) (D) M Loughnane 5-9-4..... B Loughnane	85
TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 4, 5 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 11 HOOD: No. 9.		
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Waistcoat, 4 State Of Madness, 11-2 Em Four, 6 City Cyclone, 10 Expert Agent, 12 Nemov, Cayman Tai, 14 Invincible Speed, 16 Others.		
2025: No corresponding race.		

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Right Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26): Osin Murphy 23% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26): A Balding 16% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 5.30 Mr Cool (cheek pieces), McKenna (wind surgery), Cayman Tai (hood), 7.00 Midnight's Dream (blinkers), 8.00 Onyeisi (visor). BEATEN FAVOURITES: 4.30 Only In Manila. 5.30 State Of Madness(hcp). 6.00 Bashful Boy(hcp). 6.30 Gilet(hcp), Towerlands(hcp). 7.00 Shihoku(hcp). 8.00 Maxwellcan. DRAW: No advantage. LONGEST TRAVELLER: King Of Fury (6.30) 264 miles. STABLE SWITCH: No Qualifiers.

C - Catterick	K - Kempton	L - Lingfield
Al Shabab.....L 1.35	Cayman Tai.....K 5.30	
Allegri.....L 1.05	Celestique.....K 5.00	
Alltalknoaction.....C 2.50	Cheshire Cat.....K 4.30	
Alsakib.....C 1.07	Chilliconcarneigh.....L 3.08	
Anaba Girl.....L 1.15	Ciotog.....L12.35	
Angelic Rascal.....L 3.08	City Cyclone.....K 5.30	
Appier.....K 6.00	Cold Master.....C 1.17	
As Fast As Wind.....C 2.20	Cool Henry.....C 1.17	
Ballylinch.....C 2.50	Cospica.....K 8.00	
Bashful Boy.....K 6.00	Count Adhemar.....C 1.47	
Bathgate.....C 2.20	Cribbins.....C 3.50	
Bell Shod.....L 2.08	Defence Witness.....C 2.50	
Best Rate.....L 4.08	Derracrin.....C 2.50	
Billy Mill.....K 3.30	Desdemona.....L 2.38	
Black Tango.....L 3.08	Diamond De Vincey.....C 1.47	
Blended Stealth.....C 1.47	Diamondonthehell.....L 4.08	
Bluebells Boy.....L 2.38	Divine Wish.....K 5.00	
Bolin Neil.....C 2.20	Dotties Promise.....C 1.17	
Bound For Glory.....C 3.50	Dr Waksman.....K 6.00	
Bravethewaves.....C 2.50	Dubai Immo.....L 2.05	
Breathe Easy.....K 5.00	Educator.....K 6.00	
Broadway Dreamer.....L 4.08	Elouise's Prince.....L 4.08	
Buckland Belle.....L 3.30	Em Four.....K 5.30	
Campfield Flyer.....C 3.50	Inclusive.....L 1.35	
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	Evenepool.....L 1.05	
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	Expert Agent.....K 5.30	
	Fern Hill.....L 3.38	
	For Too Fizzy.....L 3.38	
	Follow My Heart.....K 7.00	
	Foothold.....L 1.05	
	Gardener.....C 2.20	
	Getaway Glory.....C 2.50	
	Gilet.....K 6.30	
	Gold Emery.....C 12.47	
	Hannahs Story.....L 1.35	
	Hardstyle.....L 3.08	
	Harry Don't Bite.....L 1.05	
	Haveagobea.....L 2.05	
	Henriette Ronner.....L 3.38	
	Hey Buddy.....C 2.20	
	High Chieftain.....L 1.05	
	High On Hope.....K 6.30	
	Huit Reflets.....C 1.47	
	I Am Me.....K 7.00	
	I See The Sea.....C 2.50	
	I'd Go Maniac.....K 6.00	
	Iconic Times.....K 5.30	
	It's Showtime.....L 2.38	
	Jack Hoola.....C 2.20	
	Jackson's Bay.....C 3.20	
	Jerseygeordie.....K 8.00	
	Joolianoss.....K 6.30	
	Joycean Way.....L 12.35	
	Karess.....L 2.05	
	Karlisma's Angel.....L 3.08	
	Keljoje.....C 2.50	
	King Of Fury.....K 6.30	
	Kingoftheswingerz.....C 1.47	
	Klitschko.....C 2.20	
	Knight Templar.....K 6.00	
	Knightmare.....L12.35	
	Kosac D'ouairies.....C 1.17	
	Kuriosa.....C 2.50	
	Ladronne.....C 12.47	
	Laurentia.....L 2.05	
	Leonetto.....K 5.00	
	Les's Legacy.....C 2.20	
	Londoner.....K 7.30	
	Ludo's Landing.....K 7.30	
	Luna Lux.....C 3.50	
	Lusaka.....K 6.00	
	Manhattan Chute.....L 2.38	
	Marinakis.....L 1.35	
	Marion's Boy.....L 1.35	
	Marty Mcfly.....C 1.47	
	Maxwellcan.....K 6.00	
	McKenna.....K 5.30	
	Menzies.....C 1.17	
	Mersey Street.....L 2.50	
	Metaverse.....C 4.08	
	Mexican Stan.....C 3.20	
	Midnight's Dream.....K 7.00	
	Mischief Millie.....C 3.50	
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	Port Road.....K 7.00	
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	Romancier.....C 3.20	
	Rukaana.....C 3.20	
	Saint Terry.....L 1.35	
	Sam's Falcon.....C 2.20	
	Sattam.....C 3.20	
	Savvi Row.....L 1.05	
	Scammer.....L 1.35	
	Scots Poet.....C 3.20	
	Semser.....L12.35	
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	Shrimp Shady.....K 7.30	
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	Son Of Astar.....L 2.38	
	Son Of Man.....K 7.30	
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	Sputnik.....C 2.50	
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	Stonagate.....C 2.50	
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	Sun Festival.....L 2.05	
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	Ten Off Fifty.....C 1.17	
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	Thank You Blue.....C 2.20	
	The Defiant.....L 2.38	
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	Trust No One.....K 8.00	
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	Von Dutch.....K 8.00	
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DONALD'S CAPTAIN CALL

EXCLUSIVE FROM NEIL McLEMAN IN DUBAI
LUKE DONALD will hold talks with the DP World Tour in Dubai this week about taking the Ryder Cup captaincy for the third time in 2027.
And Bethpage Black hero Shane Lowry has urged the Englishman to stay in charge in Ireland.
The former world No.1 led Europe to an away victory last September after winning back the trophy in Rome in 2021.
No European captain has won three times – and only Tony Jacklin and

Bernard Gallacher have done the job more than twice. Donald is playing at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic and will also speak about his future with a decision expected by March.
“I will sit down for a chat with [DP World chief executive] Guy Kinnings this week just to see where I am,” said Donald.
“I kind of know what the job entails but just to see what they are looking for. Just a chat. I have got a couple more months to decide. Usually they announce it sometime in

March. If I do it again, it will be full-steam ahead and I’ll put everything I can into it.”
Lowry, who won the decisive half point in New York, said: “It’s Luke’s if he wants it. I’d certainly love to see him as a captain.”
Donald added: “A few of the players have expressed they’d love me to come back. I see Rory [McIlroy], and I see Shane and Fitzy [Matt Fitzpatrick] and some of those guys in Florida, quite a lot. It’s nice to get some of the backing from the players.”

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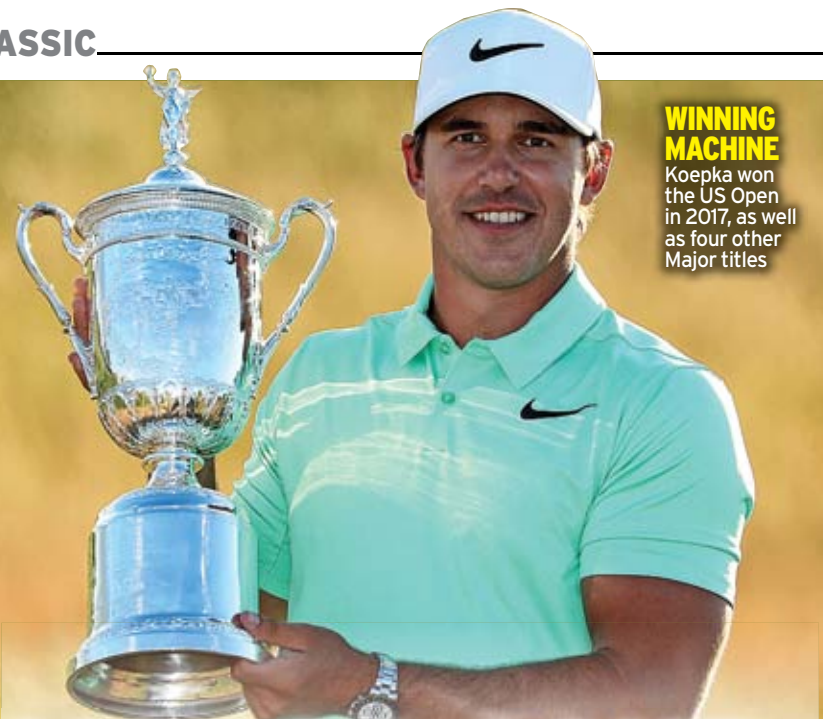
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EXCLUSIVE

FROM NEIL McLEMAN IN DUBAI
BROOKS KOEPKA has returned to the PGA Tour to compete with Rory McIlroy and Scottie Scheffler and win more Majors.

And his friend Danny Willett has claimed the American deserved special treatment after quitting LIV Golf because he is a five-time Major winner.

The former world No.1 will tee up at the Farmers Insurance Open in California next week after he was able to return to the PGA Tour under the new Returning Members Program. This allows LIV Golf stars who have won Majors since 2022 to rejoin without serving a ban.

Koepka signed for \$150million – with half up front – and will give up the \$15m final year of his five-year contract as well as donate \$5m to charity as the price of his comeback.

Speaking before this week’s Hero Dubai Desert Classic, former Masters champion Willett said: “The PGA Tour will be better with him – that is a fact.”

“Regardless of what some people say or want, or how unfair it is, he’s a five-time Major champion, he is a bloody good golfer, and people will enjoy seeing Brooks play at PGA Tour events.”

“Some guys will feel a bit hard done by it, but until you’ve won five Majors, unfortunately for those guys, there are a set of rules that apply to certain people because they’re incredibly good at their trade.”

“And he’s brilliant, a

good lad. I’ve spent a lot of time with him when he played the Challenge Tour and the European Tour.

“He works hard and his burning desire is Major championships and I can only assume that in order for him to feel like he’s ready for that he wanted to play more golf against Rory and Scottie and the boys. I assume he’s got a number of Majors he wants to get to and all he’s trying to do is be best prepared for that.”

LIV Golf spent huge sums to attract big names in the first two seasons, with Jon Rahm signing in December 2023. This year’s signings have been less high-profile.

Dubai-based Tommy Fleetwood was an early target but his value has sky-rocketed after winning \$10m at the Tour Championship on the PGA Tour last August and then starring at the Ryder Cup.

“They haven’t sniffed around me in this post-season,” said the world No.3. “You definitely see changes, and some very good golfers have gone over to LIV. It’s probably going to cost a lot of money to get some big-name players.”

“I don’t know what their strategy will be or who they will be looking at but they don’t talk to me.”

Fleetwood, who is targeting a first Major title in 2026, added: “In general, people want to play where their goals or dreams are aligned. They want to play in the place where they feel they can chase them.”

“I am where I feel like I can still chase my dreams, and I’m in the best place to be the best golfer I can be.”



TOUR BOOST Willett backs Koepka’s return

FROM **YASMIN SYED** in Melbourne
KATIE BOULTER is ready to drop down to lower-level tournaments after losing in the first round of the Australian Open.

The British No.4 came up against in-form 10th seed Belinda Bencic (inset) and crashed out 6-0 7-5.

Boulter was the No.22 seed here just a year ago but after struggling with injuries and loss of form, she fell out of the top 100 and thought she would have to go through qualifying in Melbourne.

A few withdrawals allowed Boulter to get into the main draw.

But after bowing out in round one, the Brit knows she will now need to go back

to qualifying for WTA events, or playing on the second-tier circuit.

She said: "I'm actually quite excited for it. I'm eager to get out and play loads of matches."

"I'm not precious about playing qualifying in any tournaments."

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to play back-to-back days, getting my body used to playing five matches. It's really important."

"Last year it was very bitty, so I never really found I got that rhythm of match-play."

"With the two-week tournaments as well, you have such a long period of time between tournaments, so you lose rhythm."

"I'm excited to go and play some tournaments, even lower ones. It will be good. I'm looking forward to that."

It was a slow start for Boulter, who hit 11 unforced errors and didn't win a single point on her

second serve. But she grew into the match against Bencic, and was happy to have the opportunity to test herself against a top-10 player.

Boulter added: "In the first set I was struggling quite a bit with a few things. I did manage to change that. I'm glad I did. I will take a lot of confidence in that part of it."

"I'm trying to work out a top-10 player and find their weaknesses, and there really aren't many of them."

"I take confidence in that. I raised my game a lot more in the second, and that's closer to the game style I've been playing recently and finding my identity again."

"Seeing where I win points against players like that is important as well because it reminds me how

I can play and where I'm going to have to improve as well."

"It's really important to play matches like that."

British No.2 Sonay Kartal also bowed out in round one.

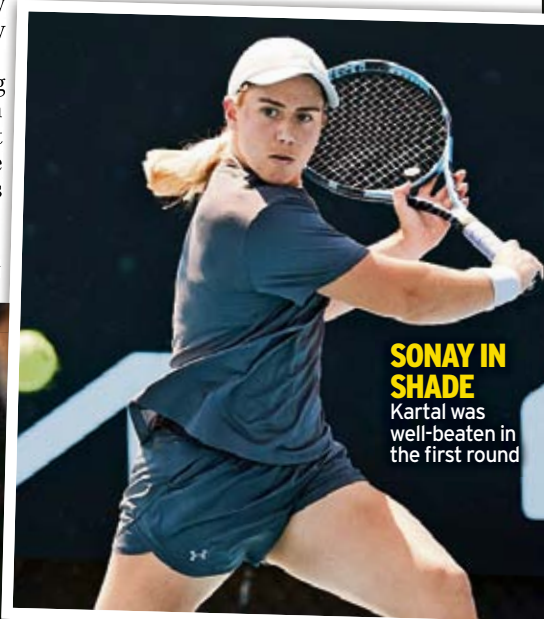
Kartal blew an early break against 31st seed Anna Kalinskaya, losing 7-6 6-1.

The Brighton-based star said: "If I could go back out there now and play that match again, I would play a completely different way."

"My level got even worse [in the second set]. That's where I lost my base level."

"It was just not really fun on the court in that second set."

"Maybe she did raise her level, but my level dipped to a level that hasn't been that low for years, probably."



SONAY IN SHADE
 Kartal was well-beaten in the first round

BOULTER NOW PREPARED TO DROP DOWN

Katie will do level best to regain her rhythm

ROUND ONE KO
 Boulter bows out of the Australian Open



Fans hit by Blues over sell-off bid

RUGBY UNION

WALES boss Steve Tandy named his first squad for the Six Nations against a background of uncertainty.

Tandy's 38-man group was announced with the Welsh domestic game left reeling again less than three weeks before their opener against England at Allianz Stadium.

The Welsh Rugby Union has proposed cutting one of its four men's pro sides - Cardiff, Dragons, Ospreys or Scarlets - much to the consternation of fans.

The WRU board met on Monday to consider a recommendation to sell Cardiff Rugby. Two consortiums have submitted final bids and the WRU said it "hopes to sign a binding agreement within a matter of weeks".

It is understood Ospreys owners Y11 Sport & Media are the preferred bidder, allowing the two sides to become one team.

Tandy (top) named 14 players from Blues and Ospreys - seven from each - with skipper Jac Morgan absent after dislocating his shoulder against Argentina.

Veteran number eight Taulupe Faletau has a calf injury. Ospreys hooker Dewi Lake was named captain.

Scotland go French

SCOTLAND head coach Gregor Townsend has recalled forwards Jonny Gray and Dave Cherry for the Guinness Six Nations.

In a 40-man squad, the France-based pair were among the most notable inclusions given they had not featured for the national team since last year's championship.

Vannes hooker Cherry, 35, played in the 2025 Six Nations but appeared to have drifted out of contention. Bordeaux lock Gray was not selected for either the summer or autumn campaigns.

Explaining their return, Townsend said: "Experience with Dave [while] Jonny is playing with one of the best clubs in Europe."

EARLY FINISH
 Sinner consoles injured opponent Hugo Gaston



Short night's work for champ Sinner

FROM **YASMIN SYED**

JANNIK SINNER was fit and firing as he started his quest for a third straight Australian Open title against Hugo Gaston.

But the No.2 seed's opening match was cut short when the Frenchman retired in tears with Sinner leading 6-2 6-1.

It was the Italian's first match since early November, and he is now on

a 16-match winning streak after ending last year with titles in Vienna, Paris and Turin. "I was very happy," said Sinner. "We put in a lot of work to be back on court. It felt great."

"Obviously it's not the way you want to win the match. I wish him a speedy recovery and hope it's nothing too bad."

"I've put in many, many long days in the off-season

trying to become a better tennis player. But the most important part is to go on court and to enjoy it."

"It's very special to start the season in a night session match here in a Grand Slam."

But it wasn't smooth sailing for 2025 women's champion Madison Keys.

The No.9 seed went 4-0 down in her first-round match against Oleksandra

Oliynykova and saved two set points in a tiebreak before winning 7-6 6-1.

Former world No.1 Karolina Pliskova made a winning return to competition.

Playing her first tour-level match since she got injured at the 2024 US Open and retired after playing just three points, Pliskova beat former US Open winner Sloane Stephens 7-6 6-2.

KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

PLACE IN HISTORY
Sir Bobby Robson's values still inspire Toon

Howe inspired by memories of Sir Bobby

NEWCASTLE v PSV

Champions League: League stage, KO 8pm, TNT 2

BY LEE RYDER

NEWCASTLE boss Eddie Howe wants his players to channel the spirit of Sir Bobby Robson when his two old clubs do battle in the Champions League tonight.

As Howe spoke just days after some stinging criticism following the 0-0 draw with bottom side Wolves, a portrait of the legendary Toon boss, who won two Dutch titles with tonight's opponents PSV, stared back at him.

Howe (inset) ended the Toon's long wait for a trophy last year when winning the Carabao Cup, but the challenge is now to get back into the Champions League next season.

He said: "We're all well aware of the history with Sir Bobby, as we were in the Barcelona game earlier in the Champions League campaign.

"Hard work, organisation, always going to the end, never giving up, and trying to do the crowd justice by representing the

club in the right way – these are all the values he stood for.

"He wanted teams to fully commit to the crowd and give it everything on a match day. That's what we are going to try to do.

"We have been trying to live by those principles ever since I arrived here.

"It's very similar to Kevin Keegan's principles as well.

"Kevin may have been more expansive and we try to live to that. That is what the crowd want to see."

Newcastle could yet finish their Champions League campaign in the top eight if they beat PSV and then get something at Paris St-Germain next week.

However, they go up against a Dutch outfit that won 4-1 at Liverpool and lead the Eredivisie by 16 points.

Howe added: "It's a massive incentive because it means less games in a season when we're being stretched. Physically, mentally, it's a big demand on us.

"But the priority is to qualify, however we do that, whether that's extra games or whether that's in the top eight, which is obviously our wish. So we're

striving with every game to maximise what we can deliver.

"The Marseille game [a 2-1 loss in November] still hurts us a little bit, because we were in a really strong position and it was a decent performance.

"We could look back on those types of games with a little bit of regret, but not in terms of effort and endeavour to try and qualify.

"We need to commit to every game, try and win every game and see where it takes us."

Newcastle have to dust themselves down from being held by Wolves in that Sunday stalemate.

Howe said: "We want to be incisive and we want to be creating chances, and that's been much better overall in recent weeks.

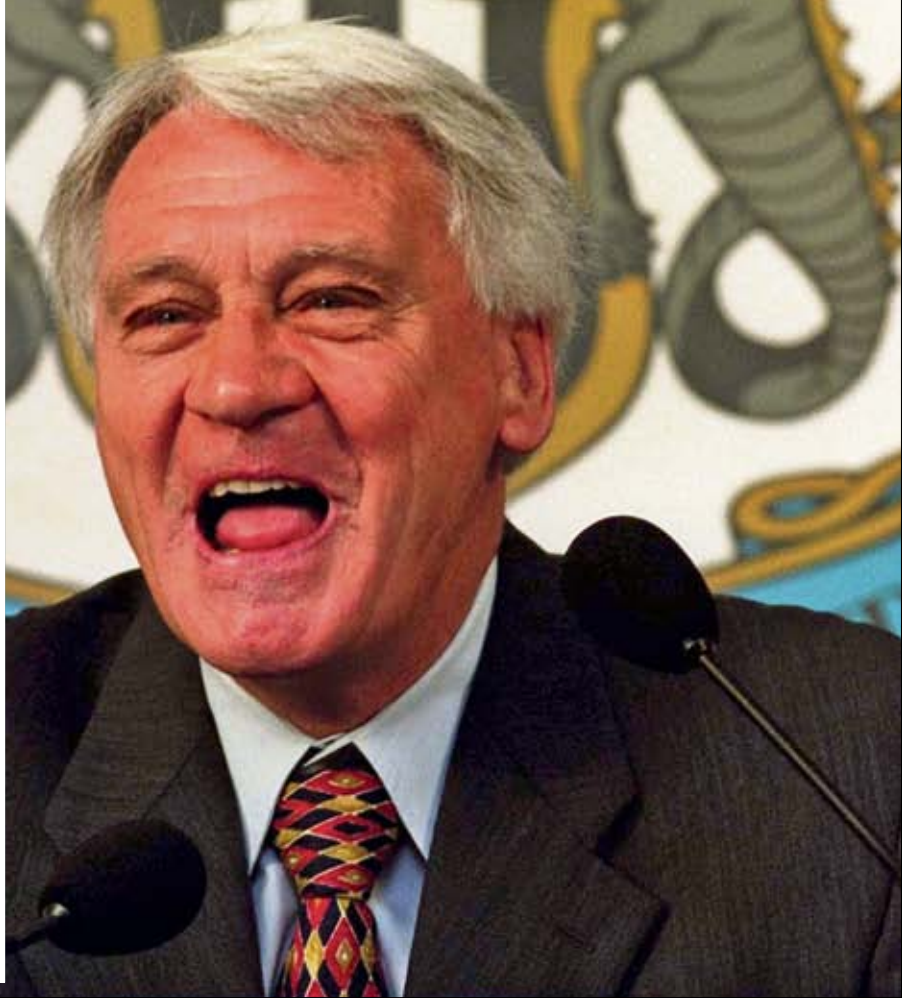
"Defensively we've been really solid at times this season. We've had moments of fragility, but hopefully we are building that back up again.

"We're a very different team, but one that I think is growing to get better."

NEWCASTLE (4-3-3): Pope; Miley, Thiaw, Botman, Hall; Ramsey, Joelinton, Guimaraes; Gordon, Elanga, Wissa.

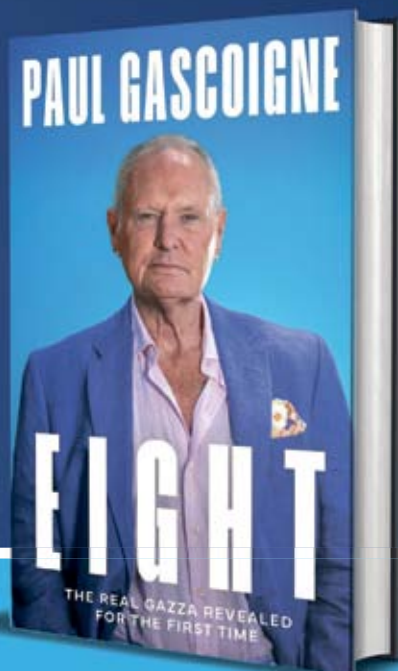
PSV (4-2-3-1): Kovar; Sildillia, Schouten, Gasiorowski, Junior; Veerman, Wanner; Perisic, Til, Driouech; Bajraktarevic.

REFEREE: Daniel Siebert (Germany).



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TOUGH WEEK BUT NO SZOB STORY

Dom vows to put pen pain & cup howler behind him

MARSEILLE v LIVERPOOL
Champions League: League stage, KO 8pm

BY IAN DOYLE

DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI hopes tonight's Champions League encounter will be the perfect tonic after a "tough week" for the Liverpool star.

As the Reds prepare for a trip to Marseille, a spot-kick failure from the midfielder has increased the scrutiny on manager Arne Slot.

His penalty miss against Burnley on Saturday (below) underlined Liverpool's inability to capitalise on their domination as they were held to a costly fourth successive Premier League draw.

For Szoboszlai, it capped a strange week which began with a blistering FA Cup goal against Barnsley – only to soon be accused of disrespect in gifting a goal to the League One side.

The last time Liverpool ventured into Europe, Szoboszlai's match-winning penalty against Inter Milan dragged their campaign back on track – and the Hungary international is banking on similar fortune against Roberto De Zerbi's side tonight.

He said: "It's been a tough week. I made a mistake against Barnsley but I have to make it clear it wasn't disrespectful in my opinion and I would do the same against Arsenal, City and Chelsea.

"I didn't want to give it back to Giorgi (Mamardashvili), I



wanted to keep going but I tried to pretend that I was playing it back.

"(On Saturday) I missed a penalty but I'm going to keep on going. I'm going to take the next one and I'm going to score, I'm pretty sure."

On dealing with adversity, Szoboszlai added: "You have to forget it, that's the best, but you have to have learned from it.

"If you see me after every session I cannot practise more – and I'm not allowed to practise more because I'm practising as much as I can.

"It's the second penalty I have missed. One time post, now crossbar. The next one is in."

Victory over Marseille would put Slot's side in a strong position

to seal their place in the last 16 and Szoboszlai is clearly determined to achieve that goal.

He said: "If you look at the whole season we have so many games so if you are in the top eight you miss two and that is important. We have to be ready because we face a really good team."

The 25-year-old revealed talks are ongoing over a new Liverpool contract, adding: "There has been talks but no decision has been made. I am happy here but you know how football works."

MARSEILLE (4-2-3-1): Rulli; Pavard, Balerdi, Medina, Emerson; O'Riley, Hojbjerg; Weah, Greenwood, Paixao; Aubameyang

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Alisson; Frimpong, Gomez, Van Dijk, Kerkez; Gravenberch, Mac Allister; Salah, Szoboszlai, Wirtz; Ekitike.

REFEREE: Slavko Vincic

FRENCH LESSON

Szoboszlai says he has learned from his penalty miss ahead of tonight's clash against Marseille

SALAH TO SLOT BACK IN

FROM BACK PAGE appear to have eased the situation. "Our relationship? It's as normal as it's always been, with one exception and that was Inter," Slot said. "He went to AFCON and did what he usually does and scored goals. "I spoke to him today and I'm happy to have him back.

"To have Mo back is helpful because in his absence we've created a lot of chances and not always converted many.

"Is this a fresh start? I think I just answered that.

"The first time he is able to be in the squad again he is. So let's see the line-up tomorrow if you still think there is an issue."

Fabian: Refs take it too VAR on reviews

FABIAN HURZELER has urged Premier League referees to stick to their own rules after Brighton conceded a contentious penalty in Monday's 1-1 draw with Bournemouth.

Referee Paul Tierney initially booked Cherries winger Amine Adli for diving after he went down in the box under a challenge from Seagulls keeper Bart Verbruggen.

But, following intervention from VAR Jarred Gillett, Tierney deemed there to be sufficient contact to change his decision on review, allowing Marcus Tavernier to convert from

the spot. When asked for his opinion on VAR, Hurzeler (below) said: "Just use it like they say to us they will use it.

"They [Professional Game Match Officials Limited] say to us only when it's a clear mistake from the referee then they will use it, and I think they don't stick to it. That's the annoying part.

"But overall the VAR makes football much more fair. That's why we have to stick to it, although sometimes it breaks the rhythm.

"Overall, it's a good thing, if they use it in a better way."



CHERRIES STARS WANT NEW BLOOD

ANDONI IRAOLA says his players have been asking for new signings to boost Bournemouth's slim squad.

The Cherries are particularly short of attacking options after selling top-scorer Antoine Semenyo and losing Justin Kluivert to a serious knee injury.

Bournemouth confirmed the arrival of 20-year-old Hungary midfielder Alex Toth from Ferencvaros yesterday, and boss Iraola (above) said: "We are in a delicate situation. You could see

the bench [at Brighton] – we had four young players and three defenders.

"We are demanding the same players to play every game, every minute. We cannot

ask more of the players we have available right now.

"They are giving us everything but we definitely need

help and the club are working on it.

"Players sometimes don't want new signings but they are even saying, 'We need someone to help or it's going to be difficult'."



Manning collared by Terriers for lead job

HUDDERSFIELD have appointed Liam Manning as their new head coach.

Manning, who left Norwich earlier this season, has replaced Lee Grant, who was sacked at the weekend by the League One club.

Manning (right), who has signed a long-term contract, will take charge for the West Yorkshire derby against Bradford.

"Being named head coach of Huddersfield is an honour, with the size of this opportunity being too great to turn down," the 40-year-old said.

"I am thankful to have been given the trust of

such a prestigious role, and I'll do everything in my power to create some positive history of our own."

Terriers sporting director Chris Markham said: "Liam's appetite

and enthusiasm to take this opportunity has been abundantly clear right from our very first conversation.

"This recruitment process wasn't just about finding a good coach.

"It was as much about identifying the right person for Huddersfield Town to fulfil our ambitions both this season and beyond."



LIAM HAS NO ROOM FOR RAHEEM

BY BOBBY VINCENT
LIAM ROSENIOR all but confirmed Raheem Sterling's Chelsea career is over – but offered a lifeline to Axel Disasi.

Sterling has not featured for the Blues since May 2024 and has been frozen out of the first-team picture this season.

Disasi, 27, has also not appeared for Chelsea this term but trained with the first-team squad yesterday ahead of their Champions

Chelsea v Pafos
Kick-off 8pm
League fixture with Cypriot outfit Pafos. And

Rosenior has shed light on an encouraging conversation he shared with Disasi recently, but was less enthusiastic about Sterling, 31 (inset). "I had a really good meeting with Axel a couple of days ago," said Rosenior.

"I wanted to catch up with him, see where he was in terms of his career.

"I got to know him really well. I said to the players when I came in, it's a clean slate for everybody. It was the right thing [for him] to be back involved with the group.

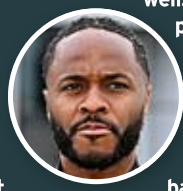
"Because of the situation he's been in, he's behind in terms of match fitness,

and we'll keep working with him really hard to get him up to speed."

On Sterling, Rosenior added: "[With] Raheem, we're in conversations about different things and different options that are going on in his career.

"Hopefully, that will become clearer in the next few days."

CHELSEA (probable): Jorgensen; Acheampong, Chalobah, Badiashile, Hato; Santos, Caicedo; Estevo, Fernandez, Gittens; Delap





GENIE OF THE LAMP Lampard last night

GREIGHT AT THE TOP FOR LAMPS' CITY

COVENTRY CITY sealed back-to-back wins for the first time since the end of November to take a big step towards the Premier League.

Championship leaders Coventry had a 10-point gap at the summit less than two months ago, though they have been inconsistent of late.

But they beat promotion rivals MILLWALL 2-1 last night and are now eight points clear of Ipswich.

Third-placed Middlesbrough can close the gap to six at Stoke tonight.

Former Millwall forward Romain Esse opened the scoring for the Sky Blues before Mihailo Ivanovic levelled for the Lions. Millwall arguably had the better of the second half, but couldn't score again with Haji Wright's (below) 78th-minute strike earning the points for Coventry.

IPSWICH cruised into the top two as they made it five straight wins on home soil with a 2-0 win over BRISTOL CITY.

Jack Clarke scored both for the Tractor Boys, who are aiming to bounce back to the Premier League at the first attempt.

HULL went fourth with a 3-0 win at fellow play-off contenders PRESTON, who had Milutin Osmajic sent off late on. Liam Millar, Akin Famewo and Oli McBurnie scored.

Osmajic is likely to face another lengthy suspension after he headbutted John Lundstram having just returned from a 10-game ban.

Jannik Vestergaard scored a late equaliser for LEICESTER as they drew 1-1 at WREXHAM.

SWANSEA made it six league games unbeaten at home with a 3-1 win over struggling BLACKBURN.

Zan Vipotnik's brace and a Connor O'Riordan own-goal ensured victory for the Swans after Rovers levelled via Mathias Jorgensen first goal.

Ten-man DERBY earned their seventh away victory of the season with a 2-1 victory at CHARLTON.

Macaulay Gillesphey's own goal and Bobby Clark's second-half strike made it back-to-back away wins for John Eustace's side despite a goal for the hosts from Tyreece Campbell and a late red card for Matt Clarke.

NORWICH moved out of the relegation zone with a 5-0 thumping of WEST BROM.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY are now a record 21 games without a win after being beaten 2-0 by BIRMINGHAM.

Matt Bloomfield is still looking for his first win as OXFORD manager after a second successive 0-0 draw, this time against QPR last night.

HEART & SOL



EURO FIGHTERS Dom Solanke enjoys his goal, and (below left) a happy Frank



Being Frank, it's been miserable... but Spurs finally show underfire boss they can dig in and win big

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
TOTTENHAM	B DORTMUND
53%	POSSESSION 47%
5	SHOTS ON TARGET 1
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET 4
456	TOTAL PASSES 399
4	CORNERS 2
1	OFFSIDES 0
14	FOULS 12

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REF: Glenn Nyberg ATT: 52,713

LINE-UPS

TOTTENHAM (5-2-2-1): Vicario; Porro, Danso, Romero, Udogie, Spence; Gray, Bergvall (Byfield 62); Odobert, Simons; Solanke (Kolo Muani 70)

B DORTMUND (3-4-2-1): Kobel; Anton, Schlotterbeck, Bensebaini; Couto (Beier 76), Bellingham, Nmecha (Chukwumeka 64), Svensson; Adeyemi (Silva 64), Brandt (Ryerson 46); Guirassy (Can 46)

MAN OF THE MATCH
WILSON ODOBERT

TOTTENHAM 2 B DORTMUND 0

BY JOHN CROSS

FINALLY Thomas Frank got some much deserved luck.

This felt like it was going to be Frank's last stand and yet somehow Tottenham produced one of their best results of the season to give their manager a stay of execution.

Whether it is enough to save him for any length of time remains to be seen because it feels like the die has been cast and even this result may just be delaying the inevitable.

But for what felt like one of very few occasions this season, the fans really got behind the team and the stadium was energised again.

The luck came in the shape of Borussia Dortmund going down to 10 men after just 26 minutes when Daniel Svensson was sent off for an X-rated challenge after a VAR check.

Dortmund, sitting second in the Bundesliga, were by far the best team Spurs have faced at home in the Champions League this season and yet the Germans were at a huge disadvantage for more than an hour.

Then even when Dominic Solanke did his very best to miss a gilt-edged chance, the ball still tricked in off his foot from point blank range.

It was Solanke's first start of the season, his first start under Frank and his display highlighted just how much they have missed him because he was a strong focal point in attack.

Tottenham were defiant, determined and delivered a strong performance for their manager despite an injury and absentee list which extended to 13 players.

Frank got an absolute soaking on the touchline as the rain came down in North London but he will surely not care one bit.

The Tottenham hierarchy were out in force – and even the crowd was a respectable 52,713 – and this may at least give them

something to think about. Maybe a win gives Frank until Saturday's trip to Burnley and it extended their remarkable unbeaten home record in Europe to 24 games, a run which stretches back to February 2020.

Tottenham were ahead after 14 minutes. Pedro Porro's corner was not cleared, Wilson Odobert slashed at a shot but then put over a low cross and there was Cristian Romero to turn home from close range.

Spurs skipper Romero (below) threw his arms up in the air to whip up the crowd and suddenly all the

negativity and doom felt as if it had been washed away.

Dortmund were reduced to 10 men after Svensson made a reckless challenge on Odobert, Swedish referee Glenn Hyberg was sent to the VAR screen and duly sent off the Dortmund midfielder.

And you really knew it was going Tottenham's way after 37 minutes. Odobert's low cross put the ball on a plate for Solanke who did his very best to mess it up, missed his kick and then it almost deflected in off his foot and crept over the line.

Lucas Bergvall went off injured but there was a lovely moment for 17-year-old Jun'ai Byfield who came on for his first team debut – a month after signing his first professional contract.

Xavi Simons and Randal Kolo Muani had chances to make it more comfortable and Dortmund, despite pressure and possession, rarely looked like scoring until Guglielmo Vicario tipped over Nico Schlotterbeck's late header.





DOUBLING UP Jesus restores the lead with his second goal of the night

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

INTER MILAN	ARSENAL
51%	49%
4	6
6	6
448	420
4	7
3	3
9	17

0	2	CARDS	2	0
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REFEREE: Joao Pinheiro

LINE-UPS

INTER: Sommer, Akanji, Acerbi, Bastoni, Luis Henrique (Diouf 82), Barella (Frattesi 63), Zielinski (Bonny 83), Susic, Dimarco, Lautaro Martinez (Esposito 63), Thuram
ARSENAL: Raya, Timber (White 64), Saliba, Mosquera (Gabriel 75), Lewis-Skelly, Merino, Zubimendi, Eze (Rice 64), Saka, Jesus (Gyokeres 75), Trossard

MAN OF THE MATCH
GABRIEL JESUS

FABBY GABBY

INTER MILAN 1
Susic 18
ARSENAL 3
Jesus 10, 31, Gyokeres 84

BY TOM CANTON

GABRIEL JESUS fired his first Champions League goals in more than two years as Arsenal beat Inter Milan to cement a top-two spot.

Brazilian striker Jesus last found the net in the competition in the 6-0 drubbing of Lens in November 2023.

But he delivered his first Champions League brace for the Gunners inside 31 minutes, scoring either side of Petar Susic's stunning strike for the Serie A leaders.

Sub Viktor Gyokeres (circle) added the gloss with a superb curling effort late on to seal a seventh win in seven matches.

Few English sides have won at the San Siro. Arsenal became the first to do so in 2003, Thierry Henry scoring twice, a feat matched this time by Jesus.

Manager Mikel Arteta made seven changes with an eye on the clash with Manchester United on Sunday, and watched his side deliver a performance and victory worthy of potential Champions League winners.

Arsenal will face tests of the

Jesus strikes twice to secure perfect Gunners top-two slot

level of Inter as the tournament progresses, and the game gave Arteta an insight into how his team might cope with the challenge. The answer: extremely well.

Arsenal started quickly and, within the first 30 seconds, saw chances for Myles Lewis-Skelly and Mikel Merino blocked.

Minutes later, Bukayo Saka had his first sight at goal, but also found the pathway blocked by Alessandro Bastoni.

But the Gunners were soon

rewarded for their intense start, courtesy of an instinctive poach from Jesus. After nice work from Eberechi Eze, Lewis-Skelly's ball across the box was scuffed by Jurrien Timber, but Jesus lunged in and forced the ball beyond keeper Yann Sommer.

However, just eight minutes later, the home side were level after Arsenal failed to clear their lines. That allowed Susic to arc a powerful curling effort into the top right corner.

It was only the second goal

David Raya has conceded in the competition this season. Susic then looked certain to score again with Marcus Thuram in support, but Cristhian Mosquera showed brilliant anticipation to snuff out the attack.

That proved vital as, with the next attack, Arsenal earned the corner from which Jesus scored his second, heading in after Leandro Trossard's reversed pass from a deep Saka cross.

Lautaro Martinez missed a huge opportunity after Martin Zubimendi gift-wrapped the ball to Inter in the middle of the park. The Spaniard put his hands together and raised his arms in a sign of thankful prayer and apology to his team-mates.

Arsenal began the second half much like the first, on top and threatening, with Eze squandering a chance to create a two-goal buffer. Saka should have put the game beyond the home side when slipped in by Jesus, but Bastoni again blocked the path with a last-ditch challenge.

But with Inter pressing for an equaliser, Gyokeres scored a huge goal for his team – and himself. The Swede took advantage of a late counter-attack to curl home a shot, which Sommer could have done better with.

That rounded off a win that showed Europe just what a force this Arsenal side are.



AT A STRETCH Jesus nets 10th-minute opener

SPORT IN BRIEF

UEFA Champions League

- League Stage	
BODO/GLIMT (2) 3 MAN CITY (0) 1	
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COPENHAGEN (0) ... 1 NAPOLI (1) 1	
Larsson 72	McTominay 39
FC KAIRAT (0) 1 CLUB BRUGGE (2) 4	
Sadybekov 90	Stankovic 32
	Vanaken 38
	Vermant 74
	Mechele 84
Att: 11,324	

INTER MILAN (1) 1 ARSENAL (2) 3	
Susic 18	Gabriel Jesus 10, 31
	Gyokeres 84

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Taremi 45	

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Vinicius Junior 63	
Bellingham 80	

SPORTING (0) 2 PSG (0) 1	
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Romero 14	
Solanke 37	

VILLARREAL (0) 1 AJAX (0) 2	
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	Edwardsen 89

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Bayern Munich	6	5	0	18	7	15	
Tottenham	7	4	2	15	7	14	
PSG	7	4	1	20	10	13	
Sporting	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
Man City	7	4	1	2	13	9	13
Atalanta	6	4	1	1	8	6	13
Inter Milan	7	4	0	3	13	7	12
Atletico Madrid	6	4	0	2	15	12	12
Liverpool	6	4	0	2	11	8	12
Borussia Dortmund	7	3	2	2	19	15	11
Newcastle	6	3	1	2	13	6	10
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
Barcelona	6	3	1	2	14	11	10
Marseille	6	3	0	3	11	8	9
Juventus	6	2	3	1	12	10	9
Galatasaray	6	3	0	3	8	8	9
Bayer Leverkusen	7	2	3	2	10	14	9
Monaco	7	2	3	2	8	14	9
PSV	6	2	2	2	15	11	8
Olympiakos	7	2	2	3	8	13	8
Napoli	7	2	2	3	7	12	8
Copenhagen	7	2	2	3	11	7	8
Qarabag FK	6	2	1	3	10	13	7
Club Brugge	7	2	1	4	12	17	7
Bodo/Glimt	7	1	3	3	12	14	6
Benfica	6	2	0	4	6	8	6
AE Pafos	6	1	3	2	4	9	6
Union Saint Gilloise	6	2	0	4	7	15	6
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Slavia Prague	6	0	3	3	2	11	3
Villarreal	7	0	1	6	5	15	1
FC Kairat	7	0	1	6	5	19	1

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP	
CHARLTON (0) 1 DERBY (1) 2	
Campbell 67	Gillespie 17 (og)
Att: 16,266	Clark 60
COVENTRY (1) 2 MILLWALL (1) 1	
Esse 11	Ivanovic 29
Wright 78	Att: 28,605
IPSWICH (1) 2 BRISTOL C (0) 0	
Clarke 9, 55	Att: 25,539
OXFORD UTD (0) 0 QPR (0) 0	
	Att: 10,478
PRESTON (0) 0 HULL (2) 3	
Att: 14,174	Millar 33, Fawcett 45
	McBurnie 49
SHEFF WED (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) . 2	
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	Furukashi 90
SWANSEA (1) 3 BLACKBURN (1) ... 1	
Vipitnik 21, 63	Jorgensen 35
O'Riordan 50 (og)	Att: 13,897
WEST BROM (0) 0 NORWICH (1) 5	
	Schwartz 16
	Ahmed 49
	Ben Slimane 69
	Chisene 73
	Kvistgaard 89
WREXHAM (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 1	
O'Brien 63	Vestergaard 90
	Att: 10,609

Coventry	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	27	14	8	5	47	24	58
Middlesbrough	27	14	7	6	40	28	49
Hull	27	14	5	8	45	39	47
Millwall	28	13	7	8	32	35	46
Preston	28	11	10	7	36	29	43
Stoke	27	12	5	10	32	23	41
Watford	26	11	8	7	37	31	41
Wrexham	28	10	11	7	40	35	41
Derby	28	11	8	9	38	36	41
Bristol City	28	11	7	10	38	31	40
QPR	28	11	7	10	38	39	40
Birmingham	28	10	8	10	38	37	38
Leicester	28	10	8	10	39	41	38
Swansea	28	10	6	12	31	35	36
Southampton	27	8	9	10	39	40	33
Sheff Utd	26	10	2	14	36	39	32
Charlton	27	8	11	7	27	34	32
West Brom	28	9	4	15	31	43	31
Norwich	28	8	6	14	35	40	30
Blackburn	27	7	7	13	25	36	28
Portsmouth	25	7	7	11	22	35	28
Oxford Utd	27	5	9	13	25	35	24
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William Hill Scottish Premiership	
LIVINGSTON (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 1	
Muirhead 56	Gogic 89
	Att: 1,564

Hearts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	22	15	5	2	42	17	50
Rangers	22	14	2	6	39	21	44
Motherwell	22	12	8	2	34	17	44
Hibernian	22	9	10	3	31	17	37
Falkirk	22	9	8	5	37	24	35
Dundee Utd	22	8	6	8	23	28	30
Aberdeen	22	5	10	7	28	34	25
Dundee	22	7	4	11	20	28	25
St Mirren	22	6	4	12	19	34	22
Kilmarnock	22	4	7	11	17	31	19
Livingston	22	2	8	12	20	39	14

Sky Bet League One

STEVENAGE (0) 0	BOLTON (0) 0						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	26	17	4	5	45	26	55
Lincoln City	26	14	7	5	42	28	49
Bradford	25	13	7	5	35	27	46
Stockport City	26	13	6	7	37	32	45
Bolton	27	11	10	6	33	25	43
Huddersfield	27	11	6	10	46	38	39
Luton	26	11	6	9	37	32	39
Stevenage	25	10	8	7	27	23	38
Wycombe	26	9	9	8	34	29	36
Mansfield	24	10	5	9	34	28	35
Reading	25	9	8	8	33	31	35

Emirates FA Cup 3rd Rnd	
SALFORD CITY (1) .. 3 SWINDON (0) 2	
Graydon 11, 52	Palmer 55
Garbutt 68	Ball 60
	Att: 2,215

Scottish Cup 4th Round	
STRANRAER (0) L QUEEN'S PARK (1) . L	
Plank 58	Connolly 11
	Att: 597

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH—League	
1: East Fife 0 Inverness CT 2, Alloa 4 Montrose 1.	

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE:	
Boreham Wood 1 Scunthorpe 3, Hartlepool 2 Gateshead 1, Southend 4 Eastleigh 1, Truro City 3 Brackley 3, Yeovil P Aldershot P.	

FA TROPHY—4th rd: Woking 2 Macclesfield FC 1, Hornchurch 1 AFC Telford 2.	
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CYCLING	
SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER (Adelaide, Australia)—Prologue (3.6km): 1 S Watson (Gbr) INEOS Grenadiers 4mins 16secs, 2 E Vernon (Gbr) NSN Cycling Team + 1sec, 3 L Pithie (Nzl) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +3secs.	

DARTS	
PDC SAUDI ARABIA MASTERS (Riyadh)—Semi-finals: M van Gerwen (Ned) bt N Aspinall (Eng) 7-5, L Littler (Eng) bt G Price (Wal) 7-5. Final: L Littler (Eng) bt M van Gerwen (Ned) 8-5.	

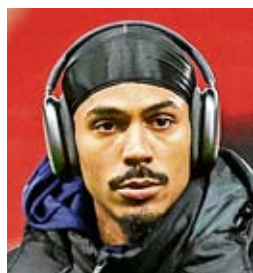
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Melbourne Park)—Selected: Men's Singles 1st rd: (5) L Musetti (Ita) bt R Collignon (Bel) 4-6 7-6 (7-3) 7-5 3-2 ret; (31) S Tsitsipas (Gre) bt S Mochizuki (Jpn) 4-6 6-3 6-2 6-2; (9) T Fritz (USA) bt V Royer (Fra) 7-6 (7-5) 5-7 6-1 6-3; (16) J Mensik (Cze) bt P Carreno-Busta (Spa) 7-5 4-6 2-6 7-6 (7-1) 6-3; E Quinn (USA) bt (23) T Griekspoor (Ned) 6-2 6-3 6-2; (8) B Shelton (USA) bt U Humbert (Fra) 6-3 7-6 (7-2) 7-6 (7-5); D Sweeny (Aus) bt G Monfils (Fra) 6-7 (3-7) 7-5 6-4 7-5; (15) K Khachanov (Rus) bt A Michelsen (USA) 4-6 6-4 6-3 5-7 6-3; (22) L Darderi (Ita) bt C Garin (Chi) 7-6 (7-5) 7-5 7-6 (7-3); E Spizzirri (USA) bt (28) J Fonseca (Bra) 6-4 2-6 6-1 6-2; (2) J Sinner (Ita) bt H Gaston (Fra) 6-2 6-1 ret.	

Women's Singles 1st rd: J Tjen (Ina) bt (22) L Fernandez (Can) 6-2 7-6 (7-1); (9) M Keys (USA) bt (18) Olyinikova (Ukr) 7-6 (8-6) 6-1; (24) J Ostapenko (Lat) bt R Sramkova (Svk) 6-4 6-4; (5) E Rybakina (Kaz) bt K Juvan (Slo) 6-4 6-3; T Valentova (Cze) bt (30) M Joint (Aus) 6-4 6-4; (10) B Bencic (Svi) bt K Boulter (Gbr) 6-0 7-5; (16) N Osaka (Jpn) bt A Ruzic (Cro) 6-3 3-6 6-4; L Siegemund (Ger) bt (18) L Samsonova (Rus) 0-6 7-5 6-4; (31) A Kalinskaya (Rus) bt S Kartal (Gbr) 7-6 (7-3) 6-1.	
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TODAY'S DIARY	
(7.45pm unless stated)	

UEFA Champions League - League Stage	
Galatasaray v Atletico Madrid (5.45)....	
Qarabag FK v Eintracht Frankfurt (5.45)....	
Atalanta v Athletic Bilbao (8pm).....	
Bayern Munich v U Saint Gilloise (8pm)....	
Chelsea v AE Pafos (8pm).....	
Juventus v Benfica (8pm).....	
Marseille v Liverpool (8pm).....	
Newcastle v PSV Eindhoven (8pm).....	
Slavia Prague v Barcelona (8pm).....	

Sky Bet Championship	
Southampton v Sheffield Utd.....	
Stoke v Middlesbrough (8pm).....	
Watford v Portsmouth.....	



Isidor is a target for Everton

BY RYAN TAYLOR

EVERTON have made a check on the availability of Sunderland striker Wilson Isidor.

The Frenchman, who has four Premier League goals to his name this season, has started only half of the Black Cats' 22 top-flight matches this term.

The Toffees are in the market for another striker to push Thierno Barry and Beto, who has attracted interest from Italy.

Everton have now made an informal enquiry for Isidor (top), who Sunderland value at £25million, to gauge an idea of his potential price-tag.

David Moyes is believed to be a fan of the player but there has been no contact with their Premier League counterparts thus far.

Everton did submit a bid, an initial loan with a £17.4m buy-option, for Fenerbahce striker Youssef En-Nesyri but negotiations have failed to bear fruit.

Moyes tried to sign the Africa Cup of Nations runner-up at West Ham on multiple occasions but Juventus and Napoli are now emerging as favourites for the 28-year-old Moroccan.

Bobb the Cottager

BY SIMON BAJKOWSKI

MANCHESTER CITY are in talks with Fulham over a move for Oscar Bobb.

The Cottagers are keen on the Norway winger and have approached City over a January transfer.

A fee of around £30million is being proposed.

City are willing to let Bobb (inset) leave this month,

either on loan or for a permanent deal, and the signing of Antoine Semenyo provides further competition for him.

Bobb, 22, has not featured for the Blues since coming off inside 20 minutes in the League Cup win over Brentford in December.



BODO BOZOS 3 1

Guardiola's Arctic Circle of Hell as City crash and Rodri sees red



BODO/GLIMT

Hogh 22, 24, Hauge 58

MAN CITY

Cherki 60

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BY SIMON BAJKOWSKI

MANCHESTER CITY froze in the Arctic Circle as Bodo/Glimt picked up a famous victory and piled the pressure on Pep Guardiola.

The Norwegian side were not even in the first division there when Guardiola arrived at the Etihad 10 years ago.

But they claimed City's scalp with a deserved win.

City spent Saturday seeing flashes of red in a dismal derby

defeat at Old Trafford. And they were greeted by them in the Bodo sky last night, a rare sighting that historically foreshadows disaster.

Given it is now two wins from seven games in January, City have only enhanced the myth.

The defence certainly looked imaginary during a comical three minutes of play in the first half that saw Kasper Høgh score twice past keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Høgh (inset, right) almost had a hat-trick after getting on the end of another moments later but this time Donnarumma saved.

Having been hooked at half-time against United, Max Allegre

was at fault for both goals as he was caught stepping out for the first and then lost the ball in a poor position.

Once again though, it would be unfair to single Allegre out when the whole City team was poor.

Guardiola is having to deal with absences in the squad.

But that did not excuse Rodri, Norwegian superstar Erling Haaland and the rest of a strong team collapsing so badly and then failing to show their force as their attackers stood still when their team-mates had the ball.

As City should have been pushing for a way back into the game in the second half, instead Rodri remained statuesque as



WHAT THE HAAL?
Erling Haaland failed to score in his home country and saw his team humiliated

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	7	7	0	0	20	2	21
Real Madrid	7	5	0	2	19	8	15
Bayern Munich	6	5	0	1	18	7	15
Tottenham	7	4	2	1	15	7	14
PSG	7	4	1	2	20	10	13
Sporting	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
Man City	7	4	1	2	13	9	13
Atalanta	6	4	1	1	8	6	13
Inter Milan	7	4	0	3	13	7	12
Atletico Madrid	6	4	0	2	15	12	12
Liverpool	6	4	0	2	11	8	12
B Dortmund	7	3	2	2	19	15	11
Newcastle	6	3	1	2	13	6	10
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
Barcelona	6	3	1	2	14	11	10
Marseille	6	3	0	3	11	8	9
Juventus	6	2	3	1	12	10	9
Galatasaray	6	3	0	3	8	8	9
Bayer Leverkusen	7	2	3	2	10	14	9
Monaco	7	2	3	2	8	14	9
PSV	6	2	2	2	15	11	8
Olympiakos	7	2	2	3	8	13	8
Napoli	7	2	2	3	7	12	8
Copenhagen	7	2	2	3	11	17	8
Qarabag FK	6	2	1	3	10	13	7
Club Brugge	7	2	1	4	12	17	7
Bodo/Glimt	7	1	3	3	12	14	6
Benfica	6	2	0	4	6	8	6
AE Pafos	6	1	3	2	4	9	6
U Saint Gilloise	6	2	0	4	7	15	6
Ajax	7	2	0	5	7	19	6
Athletic Bilbao	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
E Frankfurt	6	1	1	4	8	16	4
Slavia Prague	6	0	3	3	2	11	3
Villarreal	7	0	1	6	5	15	1
FC Kairat	7	0	1	6	5	19	1



Kam KO a new blow for Emery

BY JAMES PALLATT
ASTON VILLA midfielder Boubacar Kamara is expected to miss the rest of the season through injury.

Kamara, 26, suffered a knee injury in the ninth minute of Aston Villa's 2-1 FA Cup third round win at Tottenham (limping off, above) earlier this month.

Villa boss Unai Emery (below) revealed on Sunday that he expected an update on Kamara this week.

But he now looks set to be without the Frenchman as Villa battle for a top-four finish in the Premier League and success in Europe. Kamara has reportedly undergone further tests and will be sidelined for the remainder of the campaign.

It is a devastating blow for Villa, who also saw captain John McGinn limp off after 18 minutes of their 1-0 Premier League defeat to Everton on Sunday.

McGinn's situation is still unclear, but any lay-off would leave Villa desperately short of options in midfield.

Harvey Elliott is one option, but that appears to be a non-starter as Villa are not keen on signing the Liverpool midfielder permanently. If he makes three more appearances, that would activate a clause in his contract meaning they would have to buy.

Villa are also prioritising signing a striker this month, but could be limited by Profitability and Sustainability Rules (PSR).

Donyell Malen was allowed to join Roma on an initial loan last week, which could be made permanent in the summer.

Winger Leon Bailey has been recalled from his loan spell at the Italian club.

Emery remains focused on signing a recognised No.9 to provide competition for Ollie Watkins. Villa have stepped up their interest in Tammy Abraham.

There is also interest in Jean Philippe-Mateta if he leaves Crystal Palace, who are weighing up a move to take Villa's Evann Guessand to Selhurst Park.



ALL GOING WRONG FOR GUARDIOLA

FROM BACK PAGE
and we have to try to change it. But the players are there, and we'll try."

City were looking to all but seal a top-eight place that would see them avoid a Champions League play-off. But now they must wait nervously to see what is needed on top of three points from their final group game against Turkish side Galatasaray next week for that to happen.

Having entered 2026 in a position of strength in all competitions, they have suffered three draws and two defeats in seven January games that have changed the whole complexion of their season.

Winless in four Premier League games, the Blues must win on Saturday against struggling Wolves if they are to retain any hope of staying in the title race with Arsenal.

That will be a test for a group who have been unable to cope with the loss of some important players. "We arrived in some departments without important players and they are a little bit fragile like they were last season in a certain period but how they fought, 10 against 11, a lot of players made a step up," said Guardiola.

"We have to come back for the victory. I have a feeling that the results since 2025 was not good, but we have to look forward.

"We have four days for Wolves and after Galatasaray, to try to see what happens."

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

BODO/GLIMT	MAN CITY
34%	66%
POSESSION	
5	5
SHOTS ON TARGET	
2	8
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
368	696
TOTAL PASSES	
2	9
CORNERS	
6	1
OFFSIDES	
6	9
FOULS	

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REFEREE: Sven Jablonski

LINE-UPS

BODO: Haikin, Sjovold, Bjortuft, Gundersen, Bjorkan, Evjen (Saltnes 76), Berg, Fet (Maatta 82), Blomberg (Auklend 76), Høgh (Helmersen 75), Hauge

MAN CITY: Donnarumma, Ait-Nouri, Khusanov, Alleyne, O'Reilly, Lewis, Rodri, Reijnders, Cherki, Haaland, Foden (Marmous 70)

MAN OF THE MATCH
JENS PETTER HAUGE

Jens Petter Hauge waltzed his way past him and slapped a third goal past Donnarumma.

Then, after Rayan Cherki had pulled one back for the Blues so they could attack the final half-hour, Rodri picked up two yellow cards in as many minutes to gift advantage back to the hosts.

Rodri's goal won City the 2023 final in Istanbul and he made the team invincible on his way to winning the Ballon d'Or the following year.

His return from injury was supposed to be the springboard for Guardiola's side to kick on in the second half of this campaign.

And yet they have gone worryingly backwards. And the

red card was far from the first sign of the night that Rodri was unable to control the game.

City wanted a penalty late on after Cherki went down in the area but their appeals were dismissed.

For the second time in four days, City's opponents scored three, had another two disallowed, hit the woodwork, and enjoyed every second of making the Blues suffer.

One bad day at the office can maybe be shrugged off, two not so much.

Of course, it probably won't impact on City's chances of qualifying in the Champions League. Beat Galatasaray at

home next week and they should still be able to book themselves a last-16 place by finishing in the top eight.

But the level of performance since winning the first leg of their Carabao Cup semi-final at Newcastle last Tuesday has completely vanished.

And the problems for Guardiola to try to sort are growing.

City are four games without a win in the Premier League and sit seven points behind leaders Arsenal.

Having worked so hard to set their season up for success, City hopes are plummeting more than the Bodo temperatures.



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MO'S READY TO SLOT BACK IN

A fresh start for Salah on Reds return

ARNE SLOT insisted life with Mo Salah back at Liverpool is "normal as it's always been". Being able to recall the third highest goalscorer in the club's history has not come a moment too soon for Slot following the Egyptian's

MARSEILLE V L'POOL
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM
BY PAUL GORST

return from the Africa Cup of Nations. Salah's outburst after the 3-3 draw at Leeds on December 6, when he

claimed the club had "thrown him under the bus" after being taken out of the starting line-up for three games, cast a long shadow at the time. But an apology to his team-mates and clear-the-air talks with Slot

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SPURRED ON
Solanke celebrates

FRANKLY... THAT IS A LOT BETTER

TOTTENHAM 2
B DORTMUND 0

BY JOHN CROSS

THOMAS FRANK finally had something to celebrate as Tottenham pulled off a brilliant Champions League win over Borussia Dortmund.

Spurs skipper Cristian Romero and fit-again Dominic Solanke were on target to see off 10-man Dortmund, who had Daniel Svensson sent off in the first half.

Frank even enjoyed a decent reception from fans after the final whistle as Spurs took a big step towards the knock-out stages.

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STILL GOING GREAT GUNS

INTER MILAN 1
ARSENAL 3

MATCH REPORT: PAGE 57



BODO/GLITT

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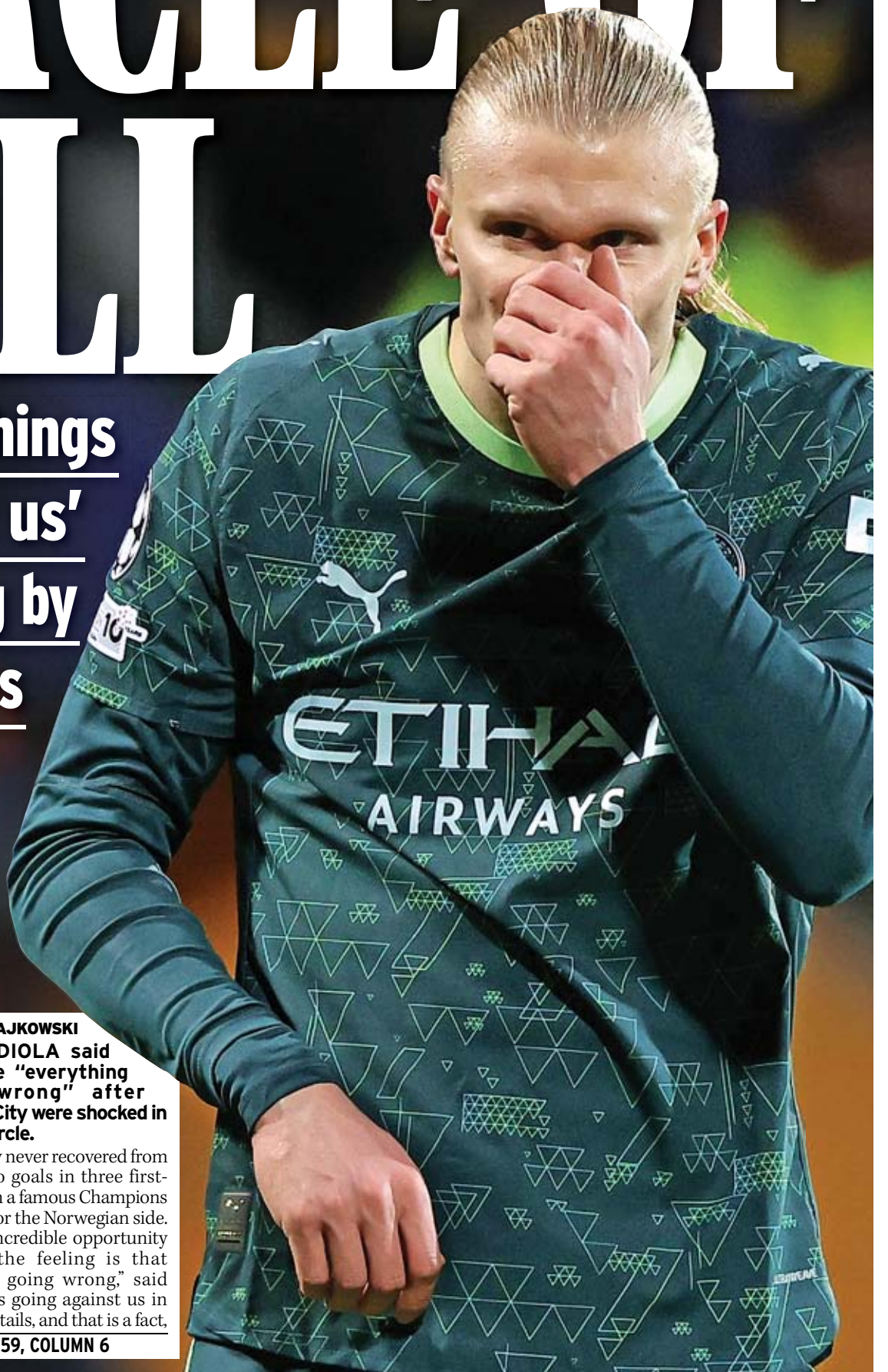
MAN CITY



CIRCLE OF HELL

Pep admits 'things going against us' after humbling by Arctic minnows

GUTTED
Guardiola and Haaland show their disgust with City show



FROM SIMON BAJKOWSKI

PEP GUARDIOLA said he feels like "everything is going wrong" after Manchester City were shocked in the Arctic Circle.

Stunned City never recovered from conceding two goals in three first-half minutes on a famous Champions League night for the Norwegian side.

"It was an incredible opportunity for us, but the feeling is that everything is going wrong," said Guardiola. "It's going against us in many, many details, and that is a fact,

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QUICK CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Slight quarrel (4)
8 Unrelenting (10)
9 Of the home (8)
10 Pile (4)
12 Indifference (6)
14 Cowardly (6)
15 Lapwing (6)
17 Parched (6)
18 Minus (4)
19 Ultimate (8)
21 Law-maker (10)
22 Pitcher (4)

DOWN

2 Imperfect (10)
3 Penalty (4)
4 Sentinel (6)
5 Irritable (6)
6 Single man (8)
7 Profound (4)
11 Hateful (10)
13 Municipality (8)
16 Threefold (6)
17 Agreement (6)
18 Calm (4)
20 Weary (4)

Solution tomorrow

SMALL CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Rain protection (8)
8 Place where bees are kept (6)
9 Fine fabric (4)
10 Uncle, personification of the USA (3)
11 Prisoner (6)
13 Alluringly appealing (9)
15 Lucky object (6)
17 Hot drink (3)
18 Couch (4)
19 Most recent (6)
20 Move to a new place (8)

DOWN

1 Ugly (9)
2 Chiefly (6)
3 Aromatic ointment (4)
4 Poise time (anag.) (9)
5 Queue (4)
6 Lariat (5)
7 Accidentally (2,7)
12 Feeling regret (6)
14 Let up (5)
15 Primates (4)
16 Stolen goods (4)

Solution tomorrow

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Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can - but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover - but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. **Solution tomorrow**

D E I L N Q R T U

KAKURO

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24					7		
	8						

Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence - across and down - must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

Solution tomorrow

Puzzles

QUIZWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Best Actress in a Leading Role Oscar winner for *Coquette* (4,8)
 7 Eurasian plant whose aromatic leaves are used as herbs for seasoning (5)
 8 Method of detecting the position of aircraft using radio pulses (5)
 9 Umberto, author of the 1980 novel *The Name Of The Rose* (3)
 10 Resort town in Anglesey, Wales that houses a castle (9)
 11 Matthew, author of the poems *The Scholar Gipsy* and *Dover Beach* (6)
 12 In Christianity, the season including the four Sundays preceding Christmas (6)
 15 Eugène, French painter of the 1854 oil *Lion Hunting In Morocco* (9)
 17 The part of a cereal plant that contains the seeds (3)
 18 --- Bay is an arm of the Indian Ocean upon which Port Elizabeth, South Africa stands (5)
 19 Claude, painter whose works include 1886's *Haystack At Giverny* (5)
 21 2001 novel by Stephen King (12)

DOWN

- 1 Short story by Leo Tolstoy featuring the servant Nikita (6,3,3)
 2 Dance step or movement in ballet (3)
 3 Maria, operatic soprano born in Manhattan in 1923 (6)
 4 & 7 Down British painter whose works include 1855's *The Last Of England* (4,5,5)

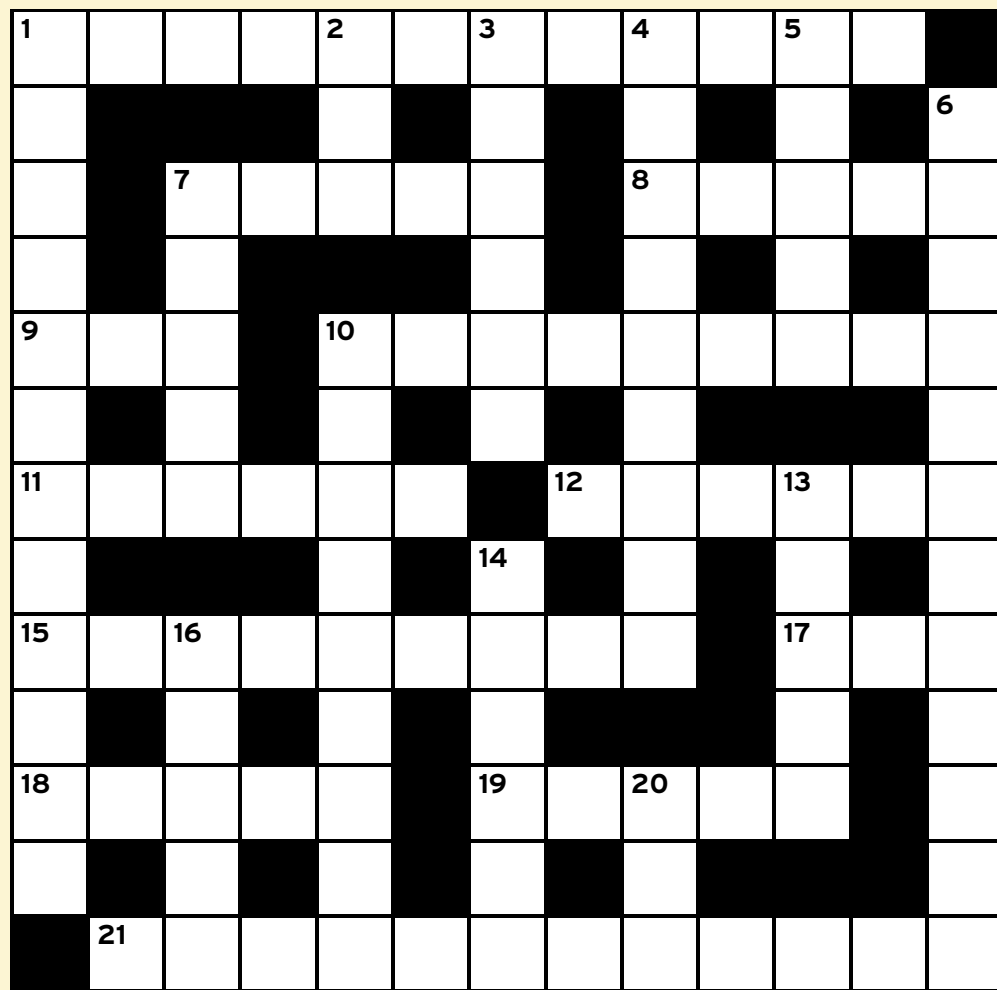
- 5 Charles, narrator of the Evelyn Waugh novel *Brideshead Revisited* (5)
 6 Medium-sized breed of working dog having a dense, wiry coat (5,7)
 7 See 4
 10 Form of headgear exposing only the face or eyes, named after an 1854 battle during the Crimean War (9)
 13 Chris, 1981 Wimbledon women's singles tennis champion (5)
 14 --- acid is a colourless corrosive liquid found in ants (6)
 16 German 9 mm calibre automatic pistol (5)
 20 The ridge at the upper end of the fingerboard of a violin (3)

Solution tomorrow

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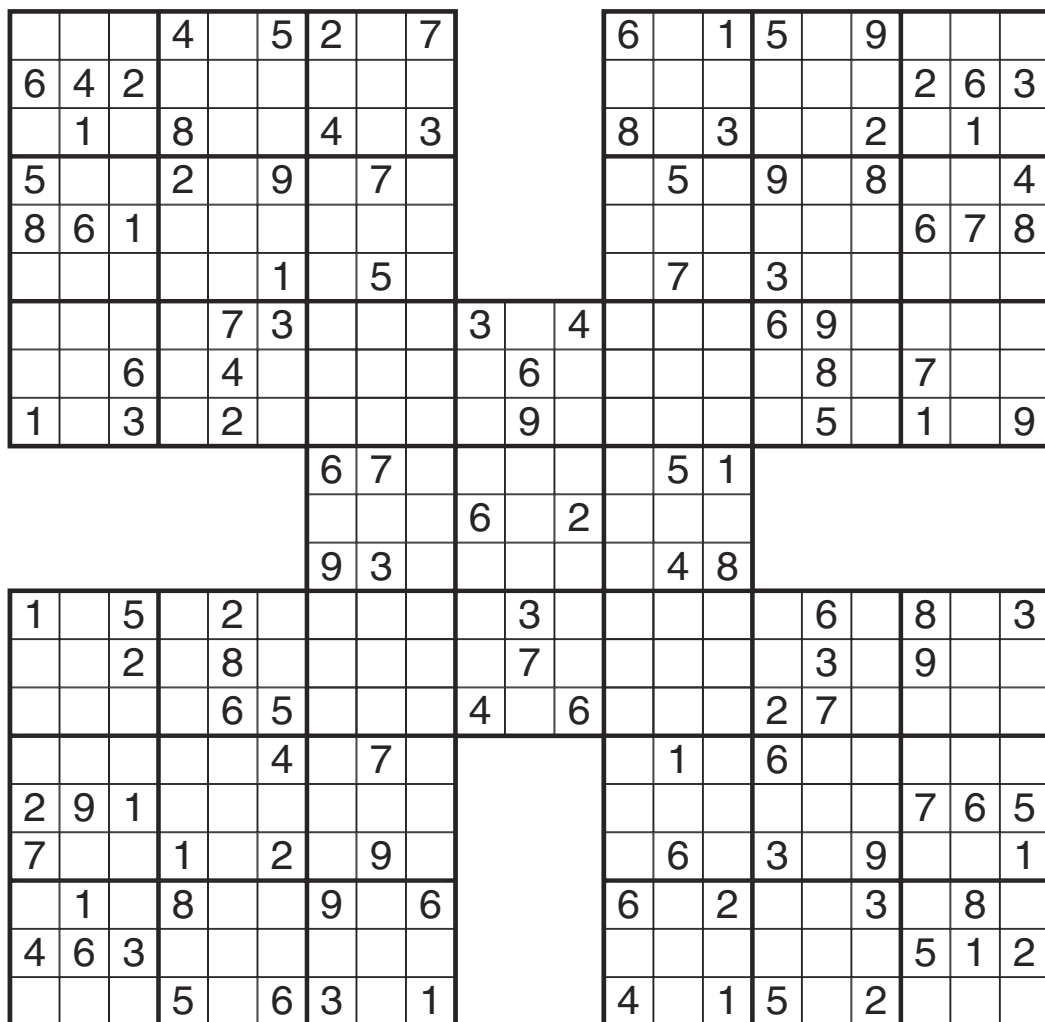
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SAMURAI SUDOKU

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Solution tomorrow



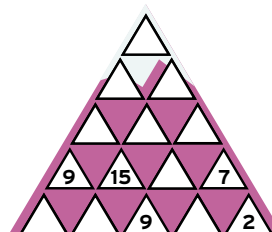
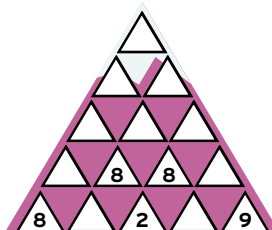
WORD BUILDER

Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

Solution tomorrow

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



Solution tomorrow

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1 □ □ □ | 1 Crib |
| 2 □ □ □ □ | 2 Price |
| 3 □ □ □ □ □ | 3 Lookout |
| 4 □ □ □ □ □ □ | 4 Enumerates |
| 5 □ □ □ □ □ | 5 Muzzle |
| 6 □ □ □ □ | 6 Common sense |
| 7 □ □ □ | 7 Star |

QUIZWORD

- Across:
 4 Castile,
 8 Leavis,
 9 Fosbury,
 10 Touché,
 11 Tigris,
 12 Cotopaxi,
 18 Trillion,
 20 Medusa,
 21 Breech,
 22 Fourier,
 23 Gemini,
 24 Pearson.

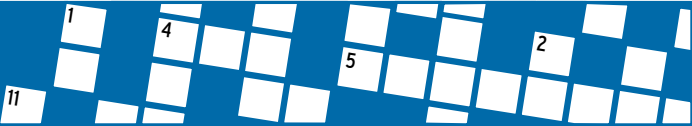
- Down:
 1 Aletsch,
 2 Faculty,
 3 Bishop,
 5 Agostini,
 6 Tobago,
 7 Larkin,
 13 Altar Ego,
 14 Fidelio,
 15 Anaheim,
 16 Eeyore,
 17 Currer,
 19 Lerner.

SAMURAI SUDOKU

3	6	2	7	4	1	5	9	8
8	9	1	6	2	5	7	4	3
5	7	4	3	8	9	1	2	6
2	8	3	1	9	6	4	5	7
9	4	7	8	5	3	2	6	1
6	1	5	4	7	2	3	8	9
7	2	6	9	3	4	8	1	5
1	5	8	2	6	7	9	3	4
4	3	9	5	1	8	6	7	2

SMALL CROSSWORD

- Across: 2 Imitates, 9 Orates, 10 Nice, 11 Feta, 13 Linen, 14 Unwitting, 16 Comma, 19 Toad, 20 Acai, 21 Refuel, 22 Reassert.
 Down: 1 Conductor, 3 Macaw, 4 Item, 5 Tell tales, 6 Then, 7 Extend, 8 Shangri-la, 12 Snooze, 15 Incur, 17 Maya, 18 Safe.



ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution tomorrow

WORDSEARCH

N	Y	U	H	C	I	B	E	P	P	C	V	A	P	R
R	M	A	L	T	L	Z	O	I	B	Z	M	O	E	U
K	I	F	W	B	A	R	L	E	Y	O	P	T	W	O
O	L	J	S	V	L	S	L	C	R	O	T	S	E	U
V	D	H	V	G	N	A	S	V	K	I	T	T	P	M
M	T	S	A	E	Y	H	G	U	B	N	J	M	L	L
R	J	X	R	S	F	F	U	E	T	U	M	H	G	E
S	L	E	B	A	L	W	L	A	R	V	H	O	P	S
E	A	Q	D	H	E	G	S	E	L	A	L	A	E	R
T	W	P	C	Z	F	E	Z	L	D	P	I	R	E	L
J	A	X	F	G	I	K	B	T	Q	Y	U	H	B	Z
N	T	I	F	W	Y	G	R	U	M	Y	Z	S	T	S
F	E	R	M	E	N	T	A	T	I	O	N	A	J	X
X	R	Y	S	W	Z	E	H	C	J	J	P	M	K	H
T	E	Y	R	E	W	E	R	B	Z	S	Z	W	L	O

WORDS RELATED TO BREWING

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

BARLEY ● BITTER ● BOTTLE ● BREWERY
FERMENTATION ● HOPS ● KEG ● LABELS
LAGER ● MALT ● MASH ● MILD
PILSNER ● REAL ALE ● TAPS ● WATER
YEAST ● ZYMURGY

Cutting part of a knife	Outcast Opposite of highest	Canvas shelter Breaks up	Reading desk in a church	Of Scandi-navian countries	Error	Pursuit Et ... and so on			
			Make wealthier						
S American river Contort					Adriatic, e.g.				
			Has faith in						
Organ of hearing		Marry Banally			Golfer's peg Takes a seat				
Closed			Stair part Metallic element					Fails to win	
... Tyler, pictured	Main Monthly pay							Tree sap	Banquet Quickly
Mix using a spoon				Pinch	Objects of worship	Take notice of	Over-weight Enlists		
Amazes Woodwind instrument								Town, Learning-ton ...	
		Blyton, writer Anger			Foes Accompanied by				
Volume (abbr.) Surety			Great nations					Mesh Cat sound	
			Violent crowd	Public pool Strange				Performs	Selfish driver (4,3)
Regretful Viewing organ			Is obliged to Swindle			Hugh ... pictured			Ernie golfer
					Landing or comic ...	Roll of parchment			
			Public transport vehicle			Facility	Elderly	Stray (anag.) TV's Dennis	
Bravery	Takes illegally Mineral							Central Intelligence Agency (abbr.)	Be indebted to
								Cut with an axe	
Lifts Assisted								US state	
							Bet		



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 7 Lance, 8 Settler, 9 Incisor, 10 Acted, 12 Outrageous, 15 Atmosphere, 18 Exile, 19 Notable, 21 Squalor, 22 Exult.
Down: 1 Illiterate, 2 Snack, 3 Mess, 4 Usurer, 5 Stranger, 6 Elation, 11 Dishonesty, 13 Unseemly, 14 Impious, 16 Hungry, 17 About, 20 Teem.

WORDSEARCH

H	Z	F	P	X	J	J	G	U	G	I	L	R	M	M
T	F	H	W	Y	D	B	R	E	D	L	U	O	M	S
I	E	J	T	S	P	A	R	K	S	B	C	D	G	D
C	K	J	O	R	J	S	V	Y	I	L	H	S	M	S
Q	O	Q	G	I	A	H	N	B	R	A	I	Q	R	B
S	M	F	M	N	O	E	P	E	D	Z	M	X	O	B
W	S	J	L	T	I	S	H	J	Q	E	N	L	X	H
C	V	W	B	A	K	L	R	I	N	F	E	R	N	O
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R	J	G	E	G	T	P	I	Z	P	L	N	Z	V	D

ARROW-WORD

S	B	S	R	C	A	R
F	A	M	I	N	E	A
G	A	A	N	T	P	C
W	A	R	S	A	W	S
I	L	E	G	E	T	O
F	E	M	A	L	E	S
L	S	E	D	A	T	E
M	E	S	S	Y	D	R
V	O	W	O	E	R	Y
B	A	R	R	I	E	S
T	O	T	B	E	S	I
H	O	L	E	S	V	S
R	E	D	F	A	C	T
O	R	E	C	E	P	T
T	O	G	A	O	H	M
P	A	R	K	E	R	I
G	E	N	A	C	T	B
H	E	A	R	T	S	E

TARGET

INDECORUM cerium, come, comer, corium, corm, crime, cumin, decorum, demo, demon, demonic, demur, denim, dermic, dime, dimer, dome, dorm, dormie, drum, emir, income, incomer, INDECORUM, medic, medico, mend, menu, merino, micro, micron, mien, mince, minced, mincer, mind, minder, mine, mined, miner, minor, minored, mire, mired, mode, modern, moire, monied, more, morn, moue, mound, mourn, mourned, muon, muonic, murine, neum, norm, numeric, odium, omen, remind, rime, rimed, rimu, rumen

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Product, Ugly, Zest, Evidence, Blotto, Gluten, Bruise, Unlike, Farmland, Silt, Josh, Tonsure (clue).
Down: Appeal, Reason, Colt, Triumph, Tuxedo, Enacts, String, Undone, Unequal, Swum, Cliche, Kilter.

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 27, 30, 33, 35.
Across: Business, Lunch, Bluff, Caressed, Vault, Daze, Sky, Tax, Tram, Jived, Jokingly, Pique, Pizza, Scourges. Down: Bulwark, Omit, Yolk, Softly, Stanzas, Palatable, Sleeved, Wiping, Shot, Acre, Avenues.

SUDOKU EASY

9	1	6	7	8	5	4	3	2
7	2	5	9	4	3	8	6	1
8	3	4	2	1	6	9	7	5
1	6	2	3	9	7	5	4	8
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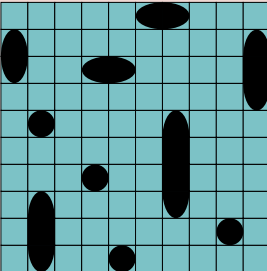
SUDOKU MEDIUM

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9	4	7	8	5	3	6	2	1
8	6	3	7	2	1	4	9	5
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7	9	8	6	4	5	3	1	2
3	1	4	2	7	9	5	6	8
6	5	2	3	1	8	9	7	4

SUDOKU DIFFICULT

6	9	5	7	3	1	8	2	4
3	4	1	9	8	2	5	7	6
7	2	8	4	6	5	3	9	1
1	6	2	8	9	4	7	5	3
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5	3	7	1	2	6	4	8	9
9	1	6	3	5	8	2	4	7
2	5	4	6	1	7	9	3	8
8	7	3	2	4	9	6	1	5

BATTLESHIPS



KAKURO

	2	9					3	9	
7	3	6	8	4	1	2	5		
9	1		9	2	3	1			
		2	1			4	9		
8	9			1	2				
4	3	1	2			1	2		
6	7	8	2	5	3	4	1		
1	9					1	2		

KEIJO

3	2	4	1
2	4	1	3
4	1	3	2
1	3	2	4

CROSS DOUBT

Across: SANDY
Down: ARENA

SUMMIT UP

106 and 98

WORD BUILDER

Lap, Pale, Pleat, Palate, Leapt, Peat, Tap

Puzzles

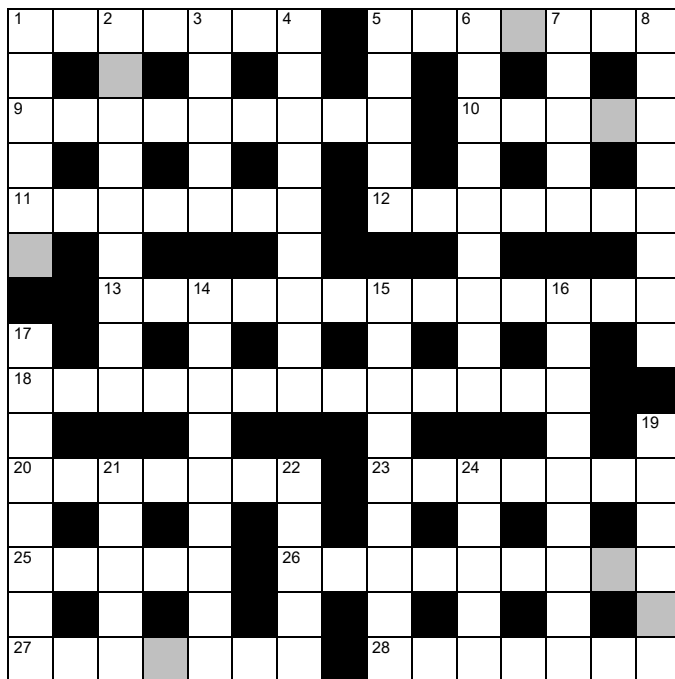
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Demonic, as I can't move (7)
 5 Entertained fellow with beer on the day (7)
 9 Untidy piece of evidence about race and colour (9)
 10 Imagines not starting a lot of paper (5)
 11 Takes the air at home - healthy setting, initially (7)
 12 Spoken about section of M25, say (7)
 13 Somewhere to practise her roles - aroma developed (9,4)
 18 Geligite, say, is both smelly and unstable (4,9)
 20 Money earned concerning location (7)
 23 A coin's rolling around island capital (7)
 25 In apparel, I conceal keepsake (5)
 26 Come down to clean first area with bushes (9)
 27 Kept going round river and got lost (7)
 28 Steps to join snakes on board (7)

DOWN

- 1 Day off - cruel, that is (6)
 2 The first woman enjoyed taking registered medication - that's revealing (5,4)
 3 Place of birth (5)
 4 Cheat is eccentric and alert (4,5)
 5 Drove round riding display (5)
 6 It's a sweet thing - and revolutionary (9)
 7 Plate, unusually, is sprung (5)
 8 Unwisely asked about liberal politician for illumination (4,4)
 14 Protest generated handy cure (3,3,3)
 15 Small firm under review by lawyer's top rascal (9)
 16 Exaggerate concerning condition (9)
 17 Map the others - almost a city (8)
 19 Relative conceals gold key from Middle Eastern people (6)
 21 Cooked liver is more disgusting (5)
 22 Stopped, not having started, relieved (5)
 24 Youngster and journalist, not just squared! (5)



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MONDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Flimsy, 4 Catfight, 10 Othello, 11 Coroner, 12 Femur, 13 Laundered, 14 Landing strip, 18 In the balance, 23 Endurance, 24 Stung, 25 Adrenal, 26 Tantrum, 27 Hostelry, 28 Credit.

DOWN: 1 Footfall, 2 Inhumane, 3 Solar, 5 Account, 6 Fire drill, 7 Gentry, 8 Tirade, 9 Dogleg, 15 Ignorance, 16 Inquired, 17 Bergamot, 19 Handler, 20 Breath, 21 Detach, 22 Adores, 24 Sonar. **Prizeword:** Toastie

TARGET



● The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?

In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 18; very good 27; excellent 36 (or more). **Solution tomorrow**

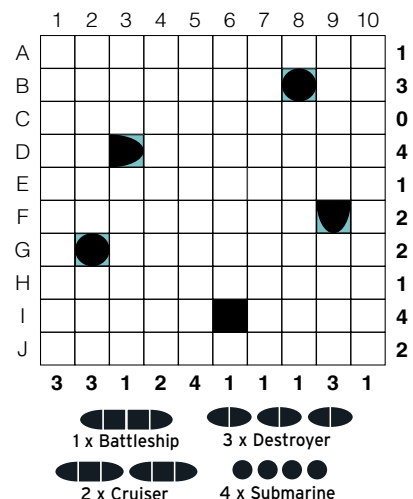
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BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

Solution tomorrow



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 38 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter - or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' - in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.

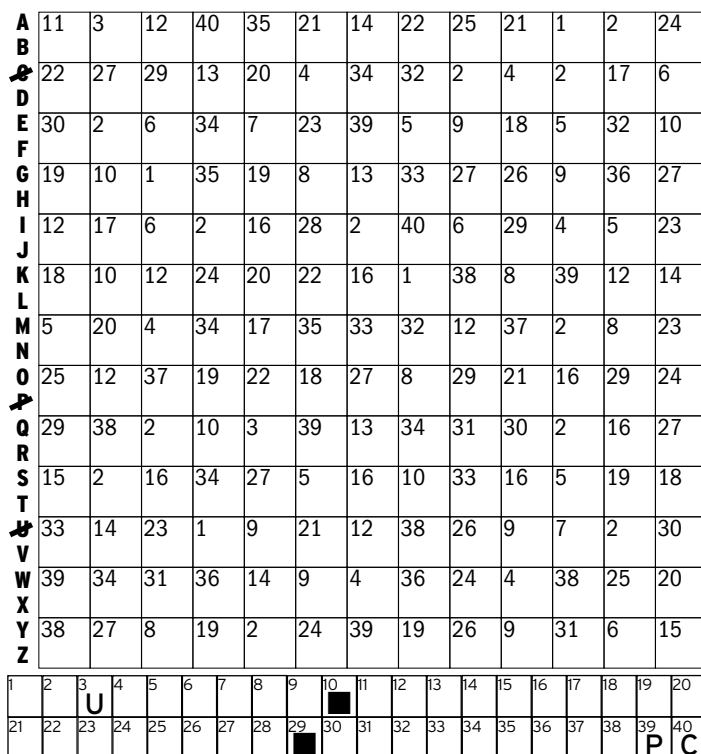
Solution tomorrow

Extra letter clues
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(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)

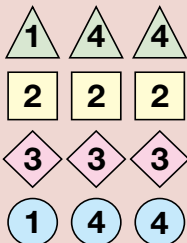
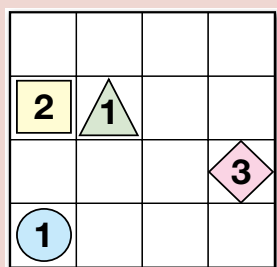
Full solution
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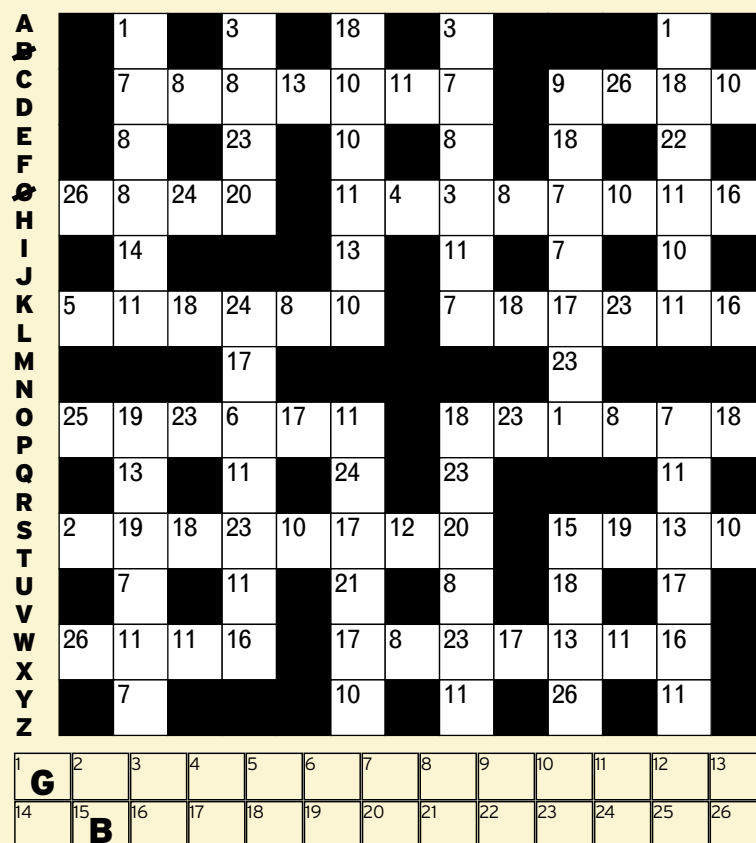
Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.

Solution tomorrow

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

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DIFFICULTY: 8/10; **TARGET:** 25 mins; **CLUE:** Give rise to illegal behaviour, say.



EXTRA LETTER CLUES: 0907 181 2568*

Hear up to six Extra Letters, deduct two minutes for each clue letter heard.

FULL SOLUTION: 0907 181 2565*

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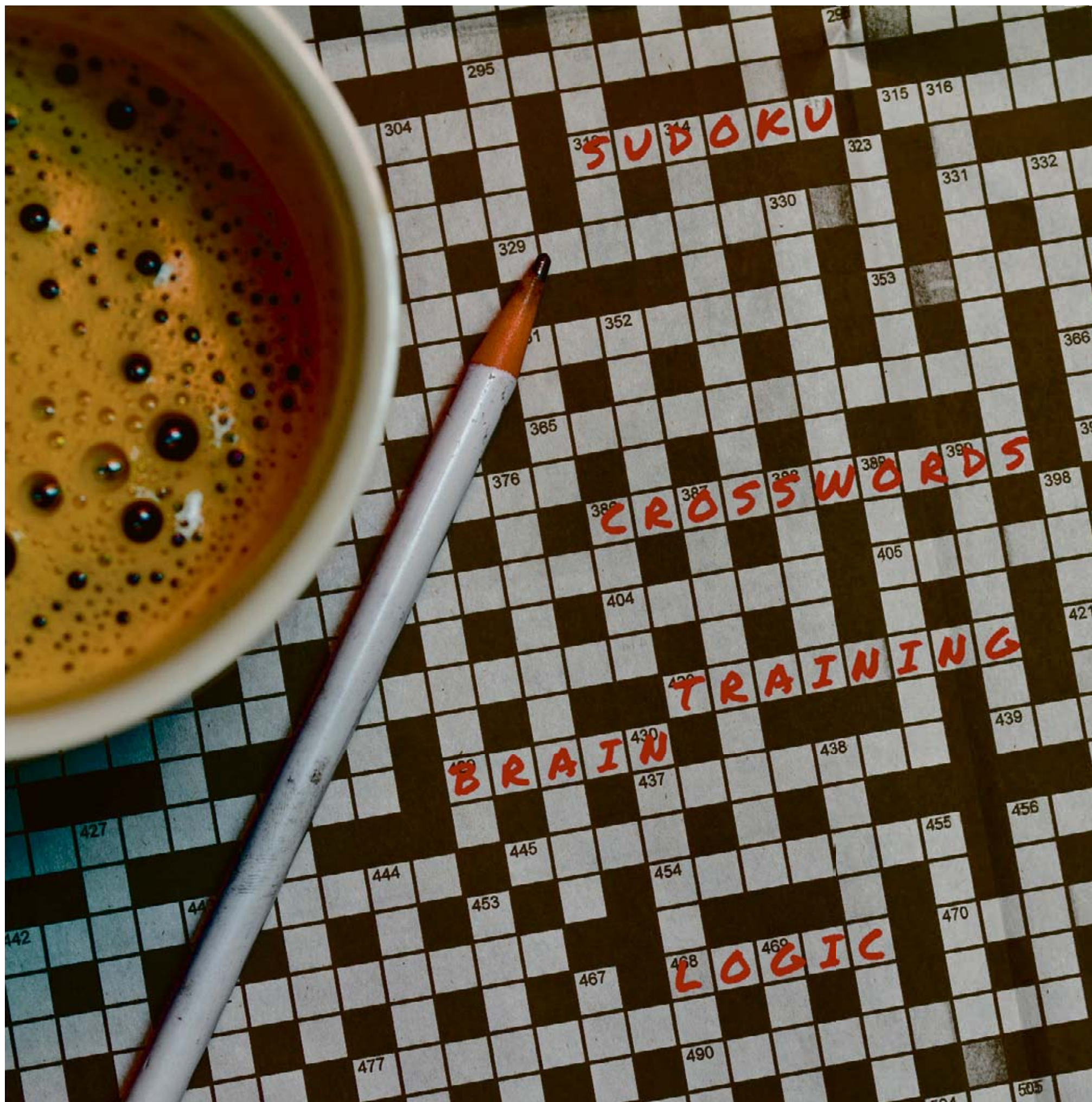
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WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the listed items in the grid? Words may read forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

BICYCLE PARTS

S	P	R	O	C	K	E	T	H	A	B	I	S	S	D	T	J	M	A
A	U	B	A	S	K	E	T	E	V	W	P	H	A	D	H	I	D	A
W	S	P	I	N	D	L	E	Y	T	G	F	I	I	V	R	L	F	P
I	H	E	Y	S	U	T	G	O	R	P	R	F	S	N	L	S	L	H
J	P	Y	F	V	O	O	S	M	A	E	A	T	A	R	Q	P	M	K
X	D	U	S	T	C	A	P	M	K	D	M	E	D	E	F	O	N	C
G	Y	I	H	P	H	I	I	B	T	A	E	R	D	N	X	K	Z	T
P	Z	W	D	C	L	M	E	N	R	L	S	G	L	J	L	E	X	E
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U	W	N	F	Q	X	D	Z	D	D	E	K	W	H	E	E	L	R	A
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C	A	Y	S	I	R	Q	Y	W	L	U	I	T	V	F	V	S	L	G
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B	B	S	Z	T	L	B	D	I	C	O	T	T	E	R	E	E	L	X
A	A	W	E	A	T	T	L	S	C	H	A	I	N	V	W	E	G	R
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AXLE	CROSSBAR	INNERTUBE	SHIFTER
BASKET	DUSTCAP	LEVER	SPINDLE
BELL	FERRULE	MUDGUARD	SPOKE
BRAKE	FORK	PANNIER	SPROCKET
CABLE	FRAME	PEDAL	TYRE
CHAIN	HANDLEBAR	RIM	VALVE
COTTER	HUB	SADDLE	WHEEL

PATTERN MAKER

Which one of the numbered squares on the bottom row should replace the question mark to follow the logical pattern in this sequence?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter. Use your knowledge of words to solve the puzzle. Two letters are given to start you off.

	7		5			8			10	3	16	21	9
11	23	5	3	7	7	23		4				13	
	16		18			18		7	3	10	9	13	
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	15				21			4		11		3	
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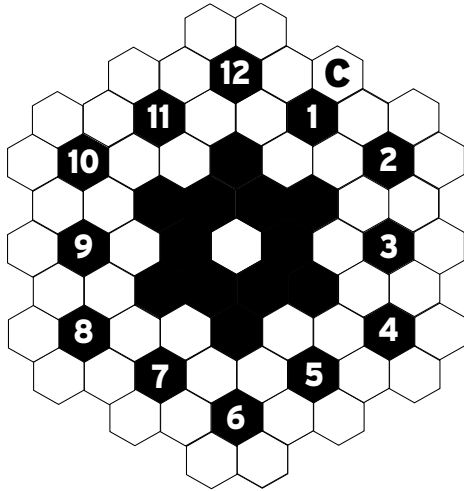
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

HONEYCOMB

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

- 1 Shared
- 2 Instant
- 3 Fool
- 4 Candle fat
- 5 Smoothly
- 6 Horrified
- 7 Peak
- 8 Wine bottle
- 9 Joined
- 10 Carved
- 11 Erase
- 12 Indicate



BATTLESHIPS

In Battleships, you have to find where the fleet of ships shown are hidden in the ten by ten grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

THE FLEET

1 x Battleship



2 x Cruiser



3 x Destroyer



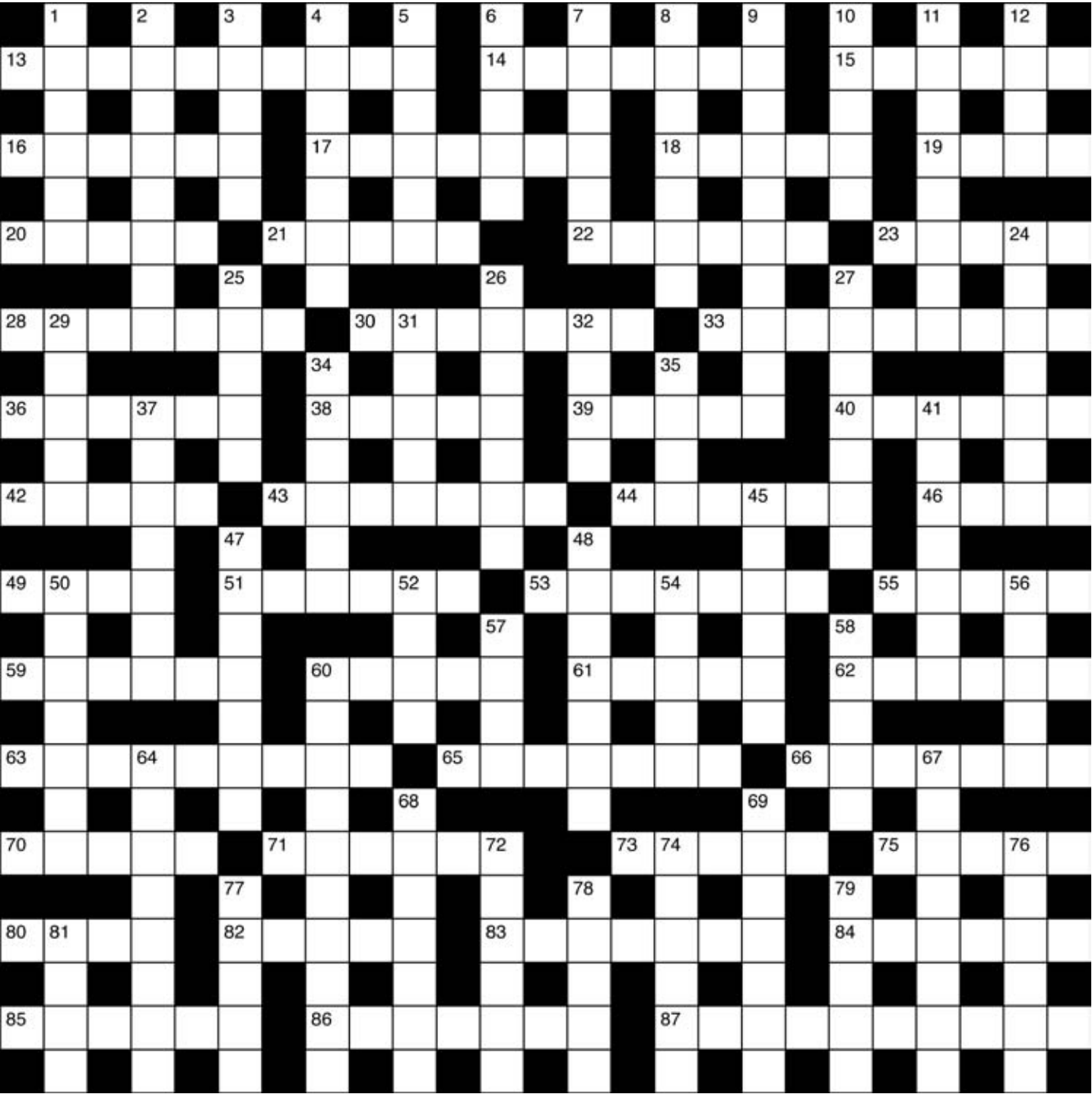
4 x Submarine



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A											1
B											3
C											2
D											2
E											0
F											4
G											1
H											3
I											1
J											3
	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	4	2	2	

GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Choose between straight and cryptic clues in this giant crossword - both sets lead to the same answers.



STRAIGHT

- ACROSS**

13 Extricating (7,3)
14 Stop (7)
15 Arrested (6)
16 Border (6)
17 Teaching (7)
18 Sacks (5)
19 Flush (4)
20 Intermission (5)
21 Accepted (5)
22 Abdicate (6)
23 Roost (5)
28 Follows (7)
30 Agree (7)
33 Polishes (9)
36 Wears (6)
38 Female name (5)
39 Are important (5)
40 Beams (6)
42 Photograph (5)
43 Mean (7)
44 Hurlled (6)
46 Jaunt (4)
49 Cab (4)
51 Only just (6)
53 Fruit (7)
55 Supply (5)
59 Insult (6)
60 Container (5)
61 Yearn (5)
62 Tree (6)
63 Instant (9)
65 Hardened (7)
66 Dismissed (7)
70 Rule (5)
71 Clergyman (6)
73 Creep (5)
75 Criticise (5)
80 A little (4)
82 Speeds (5)
83 Torture (7)
84 Getting up (6)
85 Various (6)
86 Miser (7)
87 In a half-hearted manner (10)
- DOWN**

1 Fear (6)
2 Usual (8)
3 Appropriate (5)
4 Servant (7)
5 Hit (6)
6 Country (5)
7 Slimmer (6)
8 Loner (7)
9 Specialty (6,4)
10 Pursue (5)
11 Stupid (8)
12 Had been (4)
24 Made a fuss (7)
25 Cheat (5)
26 Concurs (7)
27 Hill (7)
29 Go away! (3,2)
31 Vegetable (5)
32 Pinch (4)
34 Prefer (6)
35 Hurry (4)
37 Very rich (7)
41 Strangle (7)
45 Began (6)
47 Carve (7)
48 Games (7)
50 Permitted (7)
52 Spring (4)
54 Serious (5)
56 Cut (5)
57 Encounter (4)
58 Sharp (5)
60 Leading (10)
64 Details (8)
67 Government department (8)
68 Treatment (7)
69 Have some (7)
72 Runs (6)
74 Singer (6)
76 Light (6)
77 Cupboard (5)
78 Traffic (5)
79 Pulls (5)
81 Couple (4)

CRYPTIC

- ACROSS**

13 Managing to utter, or escaping from (7,3)
14 Stop so the point never returns to penetrate (7)
15 Let out into, had arrested (6)
16 Interfering and ruining the base of the border (6)
17 Teaching to twist it in and out (7)
18 Spoils a great many, putting a hole in (5)
19 When flush, quits (4)
20 It's lucky there's an intermission (5)
21 Having accepted, was escorted to (5)
22 Force to take notice (6)
23 Fish for supper, children - inside (5)
28 Follows round, now, one reveals (7)
30 Agree there are disadvantages to the network (7)
33 Polishes and rubs madly, to develop a shine in (9)
36 Wears, one sees, round the middle of the arm (6)
38 There's a woman, I figure, in the drink (5)
39 See how many are of importance (5)
40 Lands where there are signs of habitation (6)
42 Not an action picture? (5)
43 Mean, once corrected, not to go through (7)
44 Ejected from the said seat (6)
46 Trip that's free to the English (4)
- DOWN**

41 Kill the fish and tote off (7)
45 Began with "Need to go out to work" (6)
47 Make wood carvings there's little outlet for (7)
48 The child has friends around for games (7)
50 Permitted everything we do to be edited (7)
52 Unusually pleasant start to spring (4)
54 Accent the word "serious" (5)
56 Cut to the vehicle: the top of the vehicle (5)
57 Swarm up to be introduced to (4)
58 Sharp note? Charming! (5)
60 Taking to being a maestro (10)
64 The attractive men's accessories are minor details (8)
67 Government department for which small cars are a nuisance (8)
68 Send Sam back to get a herbal treatment (7)
69 Mean Kate to pour out and have some (7)
72 Former star out to make runs (6)
74 Make three times as much as a singer (6)
76 Is it possible to get led astray by the light? (6)
77 Urge one to get storage space (5)
78 Traffic at the West End, dear, is awful (5)
79 Pulls the grass up (5)
81 Mean to seize one of the two (4)
- ACROSS**

49 Charge one for transport (4)
51 Only just? That's unlikely (6)
53 Mother's gone off inside to get fruit (7)
55 A supply, for the animals (5)
59 See the pound slipped inside as an insult (6)
60 Having string, tear off to get a container (5)
61 Long to run into the grotto (5)
62 Shout, going outside, her name (6)
63 Behaving like a star in no time at all! (9)
65 Mistakenly deletes the word "hardened" (7)
66 Puzzled - out (7)
70 As a rule, not altogether predictable (5)
71 The mutt spilled tea on the minister (6)
73 Walk off with - and walk softly (5)
75 Try to make you admit you're critical of (5)
80 A bit for the dog? (4)
82 Classifies the various speeds (5)
83 It's wrong to capture soldiers and torture them (7)
84 On getting up, one's to call round (6)
85 Various, or assorted, reds: about four (6)
86 Haulin' back for the miser (7)
87 How a suggestion that's not so hot is received? (10)
- DOWN**

1 At the time, mistake for fear (6)
2 And in darts playing, no better than most (8)
3 Appropriate the woman - a has-been (5)
4 Servant who's a midget? (7)
5 Won't work when you try to sound the note (6)
6 Tell yarns about a foreign country (5)
7 Someone bent on becoming slimmer (6)
8 Concerning the clues made up for "loner" (7)
9 Hard-wearing clothes are one's specialty (6,4)
10 Is forced to enter a church to pursue (5)
11 Not having a lead is stupid! (8)
12 Had been small; tucked right inside (4)
24 Acted oddly about going in. Made a fuss (7)
25 Do screw it up (5)
26 Agrees the animal should be made to go inside (7)
27 Tend to, when there's a hill (7)
29 Come back for a tip? Oh, go away! (3,2)
31 From roughly noon, about, I provide food (5)
32 Pinch a boy (4)
34 Prefer a quartet to a quintet in (6)
35 Hurry up and identify the plant (4)
37 Rich from playing dice? (7)

Fill the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from 1 to 9

	5		7	1	3		6	
6		4				5		1
	2			4			3	
3			8		4			7
5		2				8		6
7			9		2			3
	1			2			8	
9		3				6		4
	6		4	3	9		1	

EASY

				8	6	7		
	1	2					6	
	6		5					3
		3	9					2
6								4
7					8	5		
1					7		3	
	5					4	9	
		6	3	9				

HARD

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed symmetrical crosswords.

	O	
A	U	T
	R	

	H	
R	A	Y
	M	

	W	
R	H	E
	E	

S		T
O	D	R
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	A	
O	S	S
	S	

	E	
O	M	E
	B	

	B	
G	U	E
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	D	
A	G	E
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S		E

L	A	M
	T	
		S

E	N	T
D		P
N	E	E

	B	
V	E	L
	H	

E	A	T	S			I	A	S	S		F	N		S		A	L
	V			H			R		O	C	R	A		A		A	L
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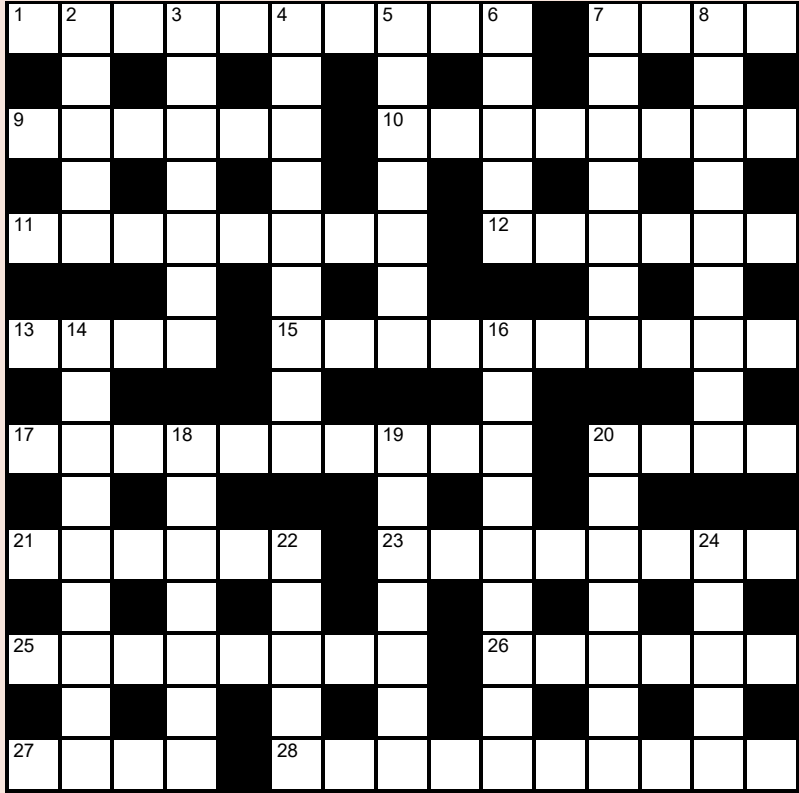
The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Fitting	▼	Bashful	▼	Roman garment	▼	Grow weary	▼	Volatile liquid	Shoe part	▼	Aye	▼	Plunge	▼	Child	▼	Close to
		Injure													Tuber		
Selfie	▶	▼				Bound	▶	▼			Mineral		Metal	▶	▼		▼
Remain						Not in							Clone				
▶				Bearded mammal	▶	▼			Delay	▶	▼		▼				
				Boy													
Word divider	Edible bulb		Giggling	▶	▼							Vapour		Celestial bodies		Painting stand	
			Currency														
▶	▼		▼		Lodgings		Friend		Official list	▶		▼		▼		▼	
									Drawn								
Eg Scar or Simba		Unusual	▶		▼	Knack	▶	▼		Weep	Insect	▶			Fib		Switch setting
		Bird				Circuit		▼			Watch						
▶		▼		Unwell	▶	▼			Tops a cake or bun	▶	▼	▼		Too	▶	▼	▼
Be in debt	▶			Display area	▶							Deep sorrow	▶				
Solely																	
▶				Agent	▶				Stained	▶				Will __, author	▶		

PUZZLES

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Test your grasp of the facts with this general knowledge challenge.



ACROSS

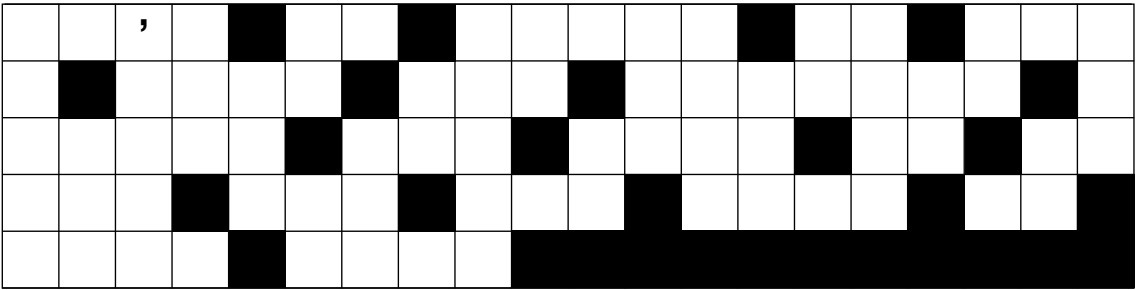
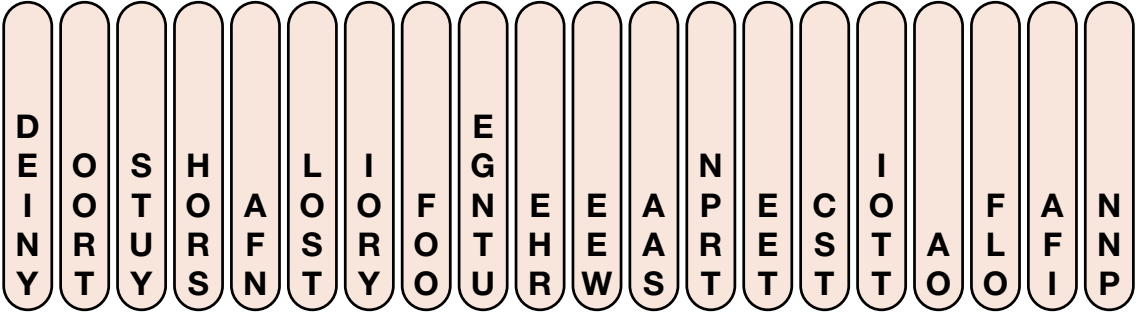
- 1 Author of children's books Elidor and The Moon of Gormath (4,6)
- 7 Journey of the __, T.S. Eliot poem (4)
- 9 A unit of a poem (6)
- 10 1995 film comedy starring Alicia Silverstone and Stacey Dash (8)
- 11 Coastal resort town in East Lindsey, Lincolnshire (8)
- 12 Plant with whorled leaves and white flowers (6)
- 13 In Norse mythology, the supreme creator god (4)
- 15 Large, four-part muscle that extends the leg (10)
- 17 Actress who played Krystle Carrington in Dynasty on TV (5,5)
- 20 Virginia __, 1972 Australian Open singles tennis champion (4)
- 21 Planet discovered by William Herschel (6)
- 23 Synthetic rubber resistant to oil and ageing used in paints and diving suits (8)
- 25 London-born stand-up comedian; regular panellist on BBC TV show They Think It's All Over from 1995-97 (3,5)
- 26 Eugene O'Neill stage play which opened in New York in 1924 (6)
- 27 Northumbrian monk who died in 735 AD, commonly known as the Venerable (4)
- 28 Battle of __, May 1982 conflict of the Falklands War (5,5)

DOWN

- 2 Industrial city in Ukraine on the Styr River (5)
- 3 Nine-sided polygon (7)
- 4 Classical ballet position in which a dancer has one leg raised behind and both arms stretched out (9)
- 5 Capital of Cyprus (7)
- 6 River of Switzerland that flows through Lake Lucerne and the town of Bremgarten (5)
- 7 Invertebrate such as the snail, clam or octopus (7)
- 8 Any member of the largest class of the 7 Down phylum, such as a snail or slug (9)
- 14 2010 European Championships men's 400m hurdles gold medallist (3,6)
- 16 Market town in SE Hertfordshire north-east of Goodrich Castle (4-2-3)
- 18 Amanda __, actress who portrayed Lucy Irvine in 1986 film drama Castaway (7)
- 19 Tropical American tree also called the achiote whose seeds produce an orange-red dye used in food colouring (7)
- 20 Small insectivorous songbird such as the blackcap or firecrest (7)
- 22 Lean end of a neck of veal or mutton (5)
- 24 Christian Gottlob __, German composer of 1771 opera Die Apotheke (5)

QUOTE DOWN

Drop the letters in each column to reconstruct a quote by Rita Rudner. Words may be split across two lines.



LOGIC

Can you work out where each relative resides and when their birthdays are?

Polly Graff looked at her husband Hector as they sat in their cottage in Surrey. She was writing up some dates in her diary.

"You know," she said, "now that our niece has taken up her new job in Toronto - that makes five relatives we have to remember birthdays for in far-away places."

"Of course," she continued, "we won't forget our son's birthday in the month after Alfred's, but I must be sure to send a card to Melbourne in May."

"You mean for Ben?" enquired Hector.

"No, no - don't get me muddled up. Ben has been in Paris for six months and his birthday is two months after Alice's," retorted his wife.

"Oh, I thought Ben was studying in New York," said Mr Graff.

"No, now you're getting confused, our son's in New York!" responded Mrs Graff.

"Well at least I do know that my Aunt Nell's other nephew lives in Hong Kong!"

"Quite right," said Polly, "how perceptive of you!"

Can you locate the relatives and discover in which month they celebrate their respective birthdays?

	Aunt	Brother	Grandson	Niece	Son	March	April	May	July	September	Hong Kong	Melbourne	New York	Paris	Toronto
Alfred															
Alice															
Ben															
David															
Nell															
Hong Kong															
Melbourne															
New York															
Paris															
Toronto															
March															
April															
May															
July															
September															



BRAIN TRAINING

“The brain is like a muscle. When it is in use we feel very good. Understanding is joyous” - Carl Sagan

Give your brain a proper workout with this fine selection of mini puzzles, designed to stimulate those little grey cells in five key areas - Words, Visualisation, Numbers, Memory and Logic.

WORDS

WORD LADDER

Change just one letter to go from the top word to the bottom word in the ladder. There may be more than one solution.

HIKE

SILT

ANAGRAMS

Unscramble each of the phrases below to reveal the names of five ballroom dances.

A LASS

PICK QUEST

A BOLD POSE

RENTS A LOCH

GET INTO GEAR, ANN

WORD SLIDE

How many regular English words can be spelled out using all the sliders? One word is spelled already. Target score: 18

J

S

F

G

E

U

H

I

L

A

N

R

C

S

K

L

Y

E

H

T

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1

2

4

9

8

3

= a creepy crawly

8

7

6

= a mammal

8

3

5

8

= a bird

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

VISUALISATION

TRIANGLE

Draw 3 straight lines to make 3 triangles. Lines must be drawn from dot to dot, either passing through one dot or none at all. Triangles must not contain lines running through them, and every line segment must form part of a triangle.

SHAPES

How many rectangles are there in the illustration below?

SYMMETRY

Shade in eight of the blank squares so that the pattern shows reflectional symmetry along one of the four axes shown.

SEKI

Using the blank grid, rotate some of the circles shown in the start grid and then shade in the corresponding squares (as shown right), so that shaded squares contain only black quarter-circles.

BLANK GRID

START GRID

MIRROR IMAGE

Which of the four images below is the mirror image of the one to the right?

NETS

Which of these nets can be constructed to make the cube with the two opposite faces that multiply to the highest number?

A

B

C

NUMBERS

SUMTHING

Place the listed numbers into the grid so that all sums are correct, reading left to right and top to bottom.

		x		=		
-			x		-	
		x		=		
=			=		=	
		+	9	=		

0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8

NUMBER JIG

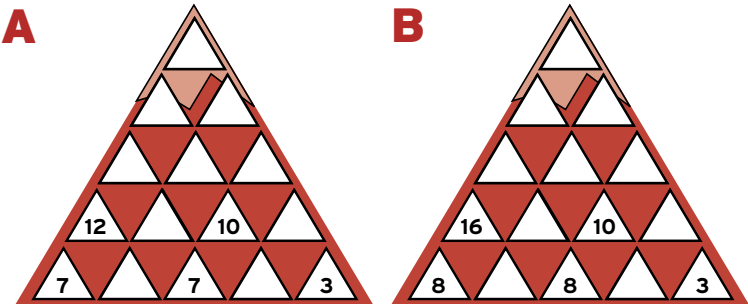
Which one of the listed numbers won't fit in this mini grid?

1638 6131
1816 8361
3686

	3		

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



MEMORY

DICE GAME

Cover the bottom group of dice, and look closely at the top group for ten seconds. Then cover the top group and show the bottom group. Which dice are missing?



LOST FOR WORDS

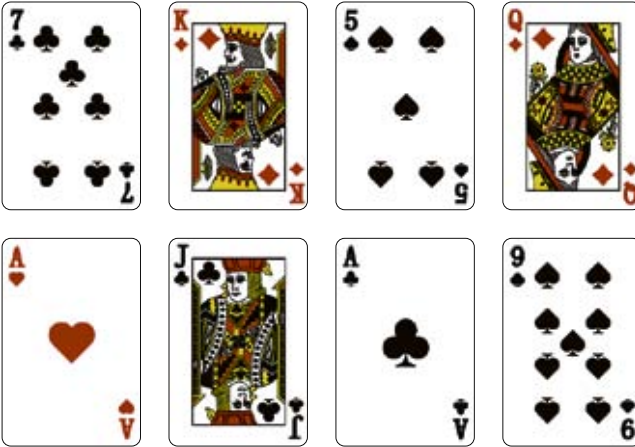
Cover the group of words on the right, then study the group on the left for two minutes. Then cover the group on the left and show the group on the right. Which words are missing?

ADVENTURE
BIOPIC
BLITHE
CHANCE
CHLORINE
CLEMATIS
COMFORTABLE
CORNFLOWER
CUPBOARD
FLOATS
KARMA
LILAC
PEDESTAL
POWDER
ROWAN
SAPPHIRE
SERENDIPITY
STOOL
SUNNY
THRILLER
TOWEL

PEDESTAL
ROWAN
ADVENTURE
SAPPHIRE
CLEMATIS
CUPBOARD
POWDER
THRILLER
SUNNY
CHANCE
BLITHE
BIOPIC
LILAC
CHLORINE
TOWEL
STOOL
FLOATS
COMFORTABLE

CONCENTRATION

Study this set of playing cards for thirty seconds, then cover them up and answer the questions below.



1 How many queens are there? 2 What is the total value of all the spades? 3 Which card sits between two aces?

LOGIC

CELLS

Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

2			6			
		2	4			
		3		3		
	2		4			
4	6					
			4			
	2		3		4	

REASONING

1 Muffin mix-up in the bakery as each baker can't identify their own muffin. Cindy's muffin was on the top shelf, and the cherry muffin was on the middle shelf. The muffin on the bottom shelf was not baked by Mindy. Lindy picked up the strawberry muffin, and Mindy picked up the raspberry muffin, but only one of the two baked a muffin which they picked. Can you work out who baked each muffin?

2 Each friend attending the birthday party agreed to bring one drink and one food item. Sidney would only bring the coffee if Sandra brought cake. The person who brought nachos didn't bring beer. Sidney brought either the nachos or champagne, Steven didn't bring pizza and Sandra didn't bring beer. Who brought what to the party?

EVENS

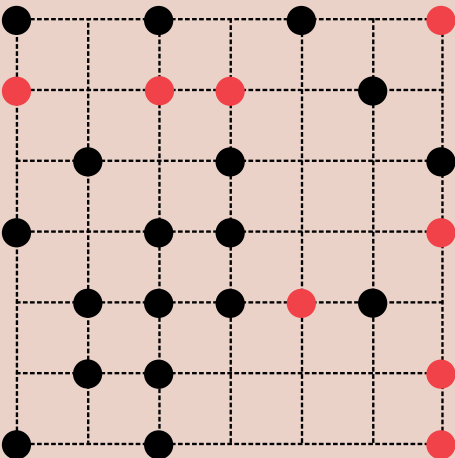
Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares, so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column, and even numbers must be placed in shaded squares.

				18
				27
				20
				12
12	23	12	30	

DANGO

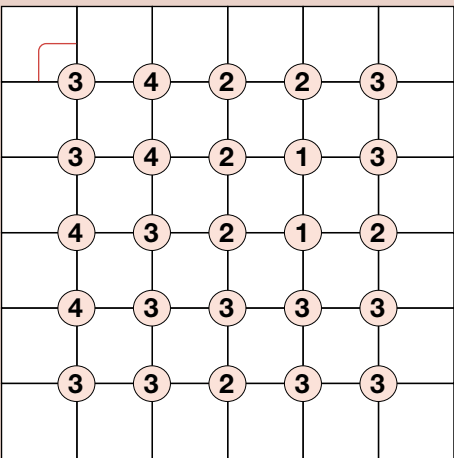
Draw lines between the dots to create four shapes in the grid. No shape may touch another and you must use all the dots. When a line reaches a dot, it turns as shown:

● 90° ● 45° or 135°



LOOP

Draw a continuous loop in the grid so that the number in each circle corresponds to the number of adjacent squares containing turns in the loop. Part of the loop has been drawn to get you started.



PUZZLES

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's puzzle. Advanced players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER	65	÷5	+43	5/8 of this	-19	×3	+28	÷4	+7	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	254	-186	3/4 of this	+194	60% of this	-84	×4	+64	÷4	ANSWER
ADVANCED	8	×17	+256	5/14 of this	-83	÷3	+285	9/16 of this	-146	ANSWER

SOLUTIONS

CODEWORD

1=J, 2=Q, 3=A, 4=I, 5=B, 6=H, 7=C, 8=Z, 9=E, 10=V, 11=T, 12=R, 13=S, 14=W, 15=M, 16=L, 17=X, 18=N, 19=Y, 20=F, 21=U, 22=D, 23=O, 24=P, 25=K, 26=G

HONEYCOMB

1 Common. 2 Moment. 3 Nitwit. 4 Tallow. 5 Legato. 6 Aghast. 7 Summit. 8 Magnum. 9 United. 10 Etched. 11 Delete. 12 Denote.

PATTERN MAKER

SQUARE 4. The black and white shapes in the centre describe changes to the position of the coloured squares in the next box: Small black square = rotate clockwise by one step; large black square = rotate clockwise by two steps; side-by-side black and white rectangles = flip across the vertical axis; top and bottom black and white rectangles = flip across the horizontal axis.

GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 13 Getting out, 14 Prevent,

15 Halted, 16 Fringe, 17 Tuition, 18 Loots, 19 Even, 20 Break, 21 Taken, 22 Resign, 23 Perch, 28 Shadows, 30 Consent, 33 Burnishes, 36 Sports, 38 Alice, 39 Count, 40 Lights, 42 Still, 43 Connote, 44 Thrown, 46 Ride, 49 Taxi, 51 Hardly, 53 Mangoes, 55 Stock, 59 Slight, 60 Crate, 61 Crave, 62 Cherry, 63 Twinkling, 65 Steeled, 66 Stumped, 70 Edict, 71 Curate, 73 Steal, 75 Knock, 80 Spot, 82 Rates, 83 Torment, 84 Rising, 85 Divers, 86 Niggard, 87 Lukewarmly.
DOWN: 1 Terror, 2 Standard, 3 Annex, 4 Footman, 5 Strike, 6 Spain, 7 Leaner, 8 Recluse, 9 Strong suit, 10 Chase, 11 Clueless, 12 Were, 24 Created, 25 Twist, 26 Assents, 27 Incline, 29 Hop it, 31 Onion, 32 Nick, 34 Favour, 35 Rush, 37 Rolling, 41 Garotte, 45 Opened, 47 Whittle, 48 Matches, 50 Allowed, 52 Leap, 54 Grave, 56 Carve, 57 Meet, 58 Acute, 60 Conducting, 64 Niceties, 67 Ministry, 68 Massage, 69 Partake, 72 Extras, 74 Treble, 76 Candle, 77 Press,

78 Trade, 79 Draws, 81 Pair.

GK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Alan Garner, 7 Magi, 9 Stanza, 10 Clueless, 11 Skegness, 12 Spurry, 13 Odin, 15 Quadriceps, 17 Linda Evans, 20 Wade, 21 Uranus, 23 Neoprene, 25 Lee Hurst, 26 Welded, 27 Bede, 28 Goose Green.
Down: 2 Lutsk, 3 Nonagon, 4 Arabesque, 5 Nicosia, 6 Reuss, 7 Mollusc, 8 Gastropod, 14 Dai Greene, 16 Ross-on-Wye, 18 Donohoe, 19 Annatto, 20 Warbler, 22 Scrag, 24 Neefe.

QUOTE DOWN

"It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life"

WORD LADDER

One possible answer is: Hike, Hire, Hare, Hart, Halt, Salt, Silt

ANAGRAMS

Salsa, Quickstep, Paso doble, Charleston, Argentine tango

WORD SLIDE

Feast, felly, fence, filch, fille, filly, finch, first, fully, funky, girly, gulch, gully, jelly, jerky, junky, sense, shake, shaky, shale, shalt, shaly, silky, silly, since, sulky, sully, surly

NINER SPRINKLED

SHAPES 13

MIRROR IMAGE C

NETS A

SUMTHING

7x3=21, 6x3=18, 1+9=10

NUMBER JIG 3686

SUMMIT UP
A 84 B 99

REASONING

1 Cindy raspberry, Mindy cherry, Lindy strawberry.
2 Sidney pizza and champagne, Steven cake and beer, Sandra nachos and coffee.

EVENS

3519 6957 2648 1326

DICE GAME

One and six

LOST FOR WORDS

Cornflower, Karma, Serendipity

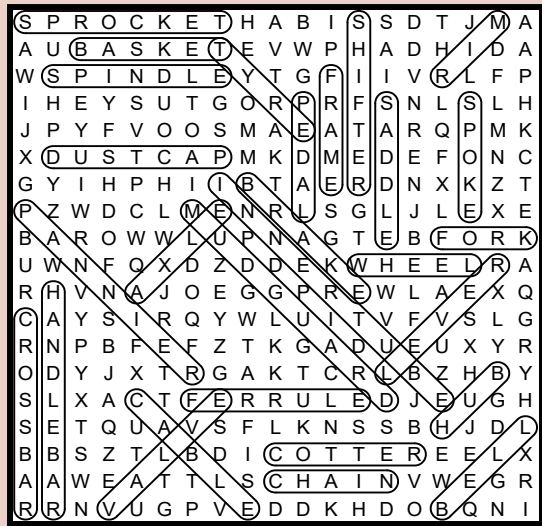
CONCENTRATION

1: 1, 2: 14, 3: Jack of clubs

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

Beginner 26, Intermediate 79, Advanced 25.

WORDSEARCH



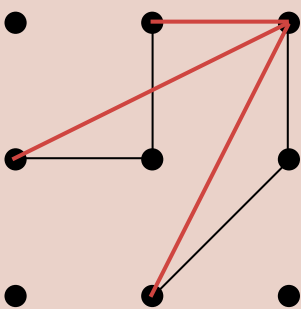
ARROWWORD

A	C	T	F	U	Y	D	S
P	H	O	T	O	L	E	A
S	T	A	Y	G	O	A	T
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C	O	M	M	A	T	E	R
N	O	D	D	A	R	T	A
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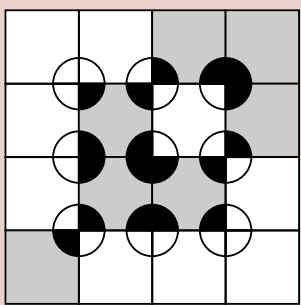
LOGIC

Person	Relationship	Month	City
Alfred	Brother	March	Hong Kong
David	Son	April	New York
Alice	Niece	July	Toronto
Nell	Aunt	May	Melbourne
Ben	Grandson	September	Paris

TRIANGLE



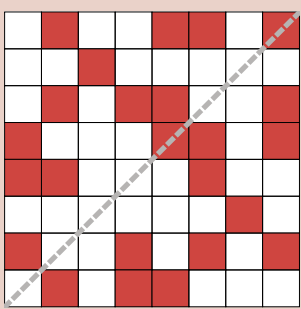
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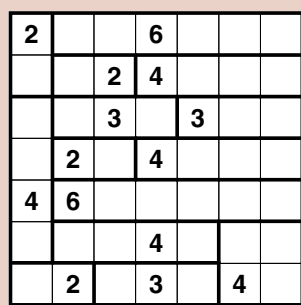
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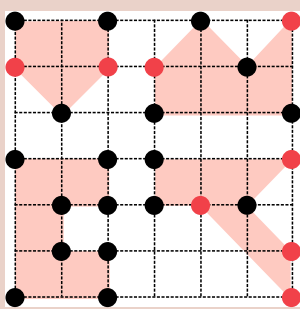
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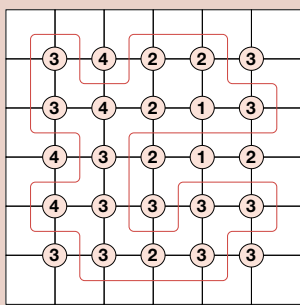
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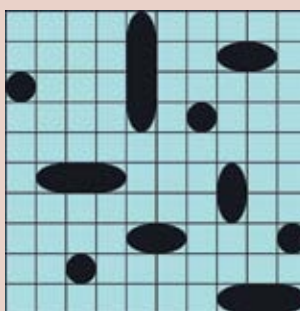
DANGO



LOOP



BATTLESHIPS



SUDOKU EASY

8	5	9	7	1	3	4	6	2
6	3	4	2	9	8	5	7	1
1	2	7	5	4	6	9	3	8
3	9	1	8	6	4	2	5	7
5	4	2	3	7	1	8	9	6
7	8	6	9	5	2	1	4	3
4	1	5	6	2	7	3	8	9
9	7	3	1	8	5	6	2	4
2	6	8	4	3	9	7	1	5

SUDOKU HARD

9	3	5	2	8	6	7	4	1
8	1	2	4	7	3	9	6	5
4	6	7	5	1	9	8	2	3
5	8	3	9	4	1	6	7	2
6	9	1	7	2	5	3	8	4
7	2	4	6	3	8	5	1	9
1	4	9	8	5	7	2	3	6
3	5	8	1	6	2	4	9	7
2	7	6	3	9	4	1	5	8